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108	6-19-50	SA memo to SAC	1	1	
109	6-19-50	SA memo to SAC	1	1	
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111	6-19-50	NK TEL TO HQ, PH, NY	2	—	See bu 65-59181.
112	6-20-50	SA MEMO to SAC	1	1	
113	6-20-50	AL TEL TO NY + NK	3	—	See NY 65-15338 291/9-15-77 Bufile 65-59181-146
114	6-20-50	SA memo to SAC	1	1	
115	6-17-50	PH TEL to HQ, NY, NK 3rd Party	4	4	
116	6-19-50	PH TEL TO HQ, NY, NK 3rd Party	2	2	
117	6-20-50	NY TEL TO HQ, PH, NK 3rd Party	1	1	
118	6-20-50	PH TEL TO HQ, NY, BA, NK	1	—	See bu 65-59181

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119	6-21-50	BA TEL TO HQ, NK, PH	2	—	see bu 65-59181-206 29/9-15-78
120	6-21-50	PH TEL TO HQ, M, NK	9	—	see bu 65-59181
121	6-19-50	SA MEMO TO SAC	2	2	
122	6-20-50	SA MEMO TO SAC	7	7	
123	6-20-50	SA MEMO TO SAC	1	1	
124	6-20-50	SA MEMO TO SAC	3	3	
125	6-20-50	SA MEMO TO SAC	2	2	
126	6-21-50	SA MEMO TO SAC	6	6	
127	6-21-50	NK TEL TO HQ, NY, PH	1	—	see bu 65-59181
128	6-20-50	NK TEL TO HQ, BA, PH, NY	1	—	see bu 65-59181
129	6-21-50	BA TEL TO HQ, NY, NK, PH	1	—	see bu 65-59181
130	6-21-50	PH TEL TO HQ, NY, NK	1	—	see bu 65-59181

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131	6-22-50	NY TEL TO HQ, PH, NK	2	-	see bu 65-59181
132	6-22-50	PH TEL TO HQ, NY, NK	7	-	see bu 65-59181
132	6-22-50	COPY OF ABOVE	7	-	see bu 65-59181
133	6-21-50	PH TEL TO HQ NK, NY 3rd Party	7	7	
134	6-22-50	NY TEL to HQ, PH, NK. 3rd Party	2	2	
135	6-21-50	NK TEL TO HQ, PH, NY	3	-	see bu 65-59181-219 291 / 9-15-78
136	6-22-50	BS TEL TO HQ, NY, PH, NK	3	-	see bu 65-59181
137	6-22-50	SA MEMO TO SAC	2	2	
138	6-22-50	NY TEL TO HQ, PH, NK	1	-	see bu 65-59181
139	6-23-50	PH TEL TO HQ, NY, NK	6	-	see bu 65-59181
140	6-22-50	SA memo 1 to SAC	5	5	
141	6-23-50	SA MEMO to SAC	1	1	

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142	6-23-50	PH TEL TO HQ, NY, NK	5	-	see bu 65-59181
143	6-23-50	NY TEL TO HQ, PH, NK	2	-	see bu 65-59181
144	6-24-50	SA memo to SAC	1	1	
145	6-24-50	PH TEL TO HQ, NK, NY	1	-	see bu 65-59181
146	6-25-50	NK TEL TO HQ, NY, PH	1	-	see bu 65-59181-164 291/9-15-78
147	6-23-50	BA Let to HQ (AH: lab)	2	-	see bu 65-59181
148	6-26-50	PH TEL TO HQ + NK	1	-	see bu 65-59181
149	6-22-50	PH Let to HQ	1	-	see bu 65-59181-80 291/9-15-78
150	6-26-50	SA memo to SAC	1	1	
151	6-17-50	PH TEL TO HQ + NK	3	-	see bu 65-59181
152	6-26-50	NK TEL TO HQ, NY, PH	1	-	see bu 65-59181-231 291/9-15-78
152	6-25-50	SA MEMO to SAC	1	1	

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153	6-26-50	NY TEL TO HQ, PH, NK	2	-	see bu 65-59181
154	6-27-50	PH TEL TO HQ, NY, NK, BA	8	-	see bu 65-59181
155	6-21-50	NK Let to PH	2	2	
156	6-27-50	SA MEMO TO SAC	1	1	
157	6-27-50	NK TEL TO HQ, NY, PH	1	-	see bu 65-59181
158	6-27-50	NK Letter to HQ	1	-	see bu 65-59181-63
159	6-27-50	PH TEL TO HQ, NY, NK	4	-	see bu 65-59181
160	6-28-50	BA TEL TO HQ, NY, PH, NK	2	-	see bu 65-59181
161	6-28-50	SA MEMO to SAC	1	1	
162	6-27-50	NH Let to HQ	2	-	see bu 65-59181
163	²⁹ 6-27-50 291/9-15-78	PH TEL TO HQ, NK, NY	5	-	see bu 65-59181-216 291/9-15-78
164	6-28-50	SA MEMO to SAC	1	1	

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165	6-29-50	SA memo to SAC	1	1	
166	6-29-50	SA memo to SAC	5	5	
167	6-29-50	SA memo to SAC	1	1	
168	6-29-50	SA memo to SAC	6	6	
169	6-29-50	SA memo to SAC	1	1	
170	6-29-50	HQ tel to BS, NK, PH	1	-	see bu 65-59181
171	6-29-50	PH TEL TO HQ, NY, NK	2	-	see bu 65-59181
172	6-30-50	BS TEL TO HQ, NY, NK, PH	2	-	see bu 65-59181
173	6-29-50	SA memo to SAC	1	1	
174	6-29-50	NK TEL to HQ, NY, PH	1	-	see bu 65-59181
175	6-30-50	SA memo to SAC	1	1	
176	6-30-50	NK TEL TO HQ, NY, PH	1	-	see bu 65-59181

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177	630-50	PH TEL to HQ, NY, NK	1	-	See bu 65-59181
178	7-1-50	SA memo to SAC	1	1	
179	7-1-50	PH TEL to HQ, NK, NY	1	-	See bu 65-59181-171 291/9-15-78
180	7-1-50	PH TEL to HQ, NK, NY	2	-	See bu 65-59181
181	7-2-50	NK TEL to HQ, NY, PH	1	-	see bu 65-59181
182	7-3-50	SA memo to Field Sup.	2	2	
183	7-3-50	SA memo to SAC	1	1	
184	7-3-50	SA memo to SAC	1	1	
185	7-3-50	SA memo to SAC	1	1	
186	7-3-50	SA memo to SAC	1	1	
187	²⁶ 6-20-50 291/9-15-78	SE Rep to HQ	2	-	see bu 65-59181-70 291/9-15-78
188	6-27-50	SE let to HQ	1	-	see bu 65-59181

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189	7-1-50	AK Rep to HQ (PI only)	1	-	see bu 65-59181-68 291/9-15-78
190	7-3-50	SA memo to SAC	1	1	
191	7-3-50	NK TEL to HQ, NY, PH	1	-	see bu 65-59181
192	7-3-50	NK TEL to HQ, NY, PH	1	-	see bu 65-59181
193	NO DATE	NK TEL to HQ, PH	1	-	see bu 65-59181-175 291/9-15-78
194	7-5-50	SA memo to SAC	2	2	
195	7-5-50	SA memo to SAC	2	2	
196	7-5-50	PH TEL to HQ NK, NY, BS	1	-	see bu 65-59181-197 291/9-15-78
197	7-5-50	SA memo to SAC	4	4	
198	7-5-50	NK TEL to HQ, NY, PH	1	-	see bu 65-59181
199	7-6-50	NK TEL to HQ, NY, PH	1	-	see bu 65-59181
200	7-6-50	PH TEL to HQ, NY, NK	3	-	see bu 65-59181-195 291/9-15-78

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201	7-6-50	SA MEMO TO SAC	1	1	
202	7-6-50	SA MEMO TO SAC	1	1	
203	7-6-50	HQ Let to PH	3	—	see bu 65-59181
204	7-7-50	NK TEL TO HQ, NY, PH	1	—	see bu 65-59181-178 291/9-15-78
205	7-7-50	PH TEL TO HQ, NY, NK	2	—	see bu 65-59181
206	7-9-50	SAC SA MEMO TO	1	1	
207	7-10-50	NK TEL TO HQ, NY, PH	1	—	see bu 65-59181-179 291/9-16-78
208	7-11-50	SA MEMO TO SAC	1	1	
209	7-7-50	HQ Let to PH	1	—	see bu 65-59181
210	7-11-50	PH TEL TO HQ + NK	1	—	see bu 65-59181
211	7-7-50	BA Rep to HQ	1	—	see bu 65-59181

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212	7-12-50	PH TEL TO HQ + NK	1	-	see bu 65-59181
213	7-11-50	NH Rep to HQ (pl only)	1	-	see bu 65-59181
214	7-11-50	HQ Let to NH	1	-	see bu 65-59181
215	7-10-50	PH Let to HQ	1	-	see bu 65-59181-78 291/9-16-78
216	7-13-50	SA memo to SAC + 1 copy	1/1	2	
217	7-13-50	NY Rep to HQ (pl only)	1	-	see bu 65-59181
218	7-14-50	SA memo to SAC	1	1	
219	7-15-50	PH TEL TO HQ + NK	2	-	see bu 65-59181
220	7-14-50	PH TEL TO HQ, NY, NK	1	-	see bu 65-59181
221	7-17-50	NK TEL TO HQ, PH, MIAMI	2	-	see bu 65-59181
222	7-17-50	NK TEL TO HQ, PH	1	-	see bu 65-59181
223	7-18-50	PH TEL to HQ + NK	1	-	see bu 65-59181

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224	7-24-50	Charge out slip - number skipped	1	1	
225	7-18-50	NK Let to HQ.	2	-	see bu 65-59181
226	7-18-50	NK TEL TO HQ, PH	1	-	see bu 65-59181
NR	-	INDICES SEARCH SLIPS	34	34	
227	7-14-50	BS Rep to HQ (pl only)	1	-	see bu 65-59181-95 291/9-16-78
228	7-18-50	HQ LAB report TO PH	2	-	see bu 65-59181
229	7-18-50	Miami TEL TO HQ; PH	3	-	see bu 65-59181-229 291/9-16-78
230	7-20-50	NK Rep to HQ (pl only)	1	-	see bu 65-59181-182 291/9-16-78
231	7-24-50	PH TEL to NK + NY	1	-	see NY 65-15338-186 291/9-20-78
232	7-26-50	NK TEL TO HQ, PH	1	-	see bu 65-59181
233	7-26-50	NK Let to HQ	1	-	see bu 65-59181-7-26-50 Not Recorded 291/9-16-78
234	7-26-50	PH Rep to HQ PH (pl only) 291/9-16-78	1	-	see bu 65-59181-183 291/9-16-78

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235	7-28-50	NY TEL TO HQ, PH, NK	1	-	see bu 65-59181
236	7-26-50	NY Rep to HQ MM (p1 only) 291/9-16-78	1	-	see bu 65-59181-222 291/9-16-78
237	7-28-50	NY Rep to HQ (p1 only)	1	-	see bu 65-59181-240 291/9-16-78
238	8-1-50	PH TEL TO HQ + NK	1	-	see bu 65-59181
239	8-2-50	NK TEL TO HQ, PH	1	-	see bu 65-59181
240	8-24-50	Charge out slip	1	1	
241	8-17-50	PH Rep to HQ (p1 only)	1	-	see bu 65- 59181 291/9-20-78 59395-1
242	8-23-50	Fuld Sup. memo to SAC	1	1	

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TO : SAC: S. K. MC KEE

DATE: JUNE 19, 1950

FROM : SA: JAMES O. PONDER

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK, with aliases
ESPIONAGE - R

Investigation to locate NORA DUGAN, who was employed as a bookkeeper by the HALBROOK MANUFACTURING COMPANY, Jersey City, New Jersey, during the period in which THOMAS L. BLACK and HARRY GOLD worked for that company as Chemists, resulted in locating NORA DUGAN at 40 Jones Street, Jersey City, New Jersey. For the past fifteen years NORA DUGAN has been known as NORA CONNELL, having been re-married.

Mrs. CONNELL was interviewed by the writer on June 7, 1950 and she advised that she was employed by the HALBROOK MANUFACTURING COMPANY for thirteen years. The HALBROOK MANUFACTURING COMPANY is located at 18th Avenue and Coles Avenue, Jersey City, New Jersey. Mrs. CONNELL stated she was employed here from approximately 1927 through 1940. She stated she was an office employee working in the capacity of a bookkeeper. She advised that there were only about 26 persons employed at this company and the office force consisted of herself, JAMES MCINTOSH who was Office and Factory Manager, and DAN McHALE who was Shipping Clerk.

Mrs. CONNELL stated that sometime in the 1930's McHALE was succeeded by FREDERICK STETSON. Mrs. CONNELL stated that she does not recall any of the Chemists employed by this company with the exception of HARRY HUBER who committed suicide many years ago.

Mrs. CONNELL stated that the HALBROOK COMPANY is an old concern, originally being founded by Mr. SMITH who handed it down to his two sons, FRANKLIN and STANTON SMITH. Mrs. CONNELL stated that for many years FRANKLIN SMITH acted as head chemist for the company and did most of the research work. She stated that she had no association with the chemists at all, other than HUBER and SMITH.

Mrs. CONNELL stated that she does not recall THOMAS L. BLACK as an employee, nor does she recall HARRY GOLD as an employee in the HUBER COMPANY. Photographs of BLACK and GOLD were displayed to Mrs. CONNELL and she advised that she did not recognize either BLACK or GOLD.

Mrs. CONNELL said that McHALE, who hangs out around West Side Avenue, near Clearmont Street in Jersey City, New Jersey, would probably know BLACK and GOLD as he was very friendly and worked closely with the men in the plant. She also stated that ANDREW CALDWELL, who worked as a loader during the 1930's, may possibly recall BLACK or GOLD. She stated that ANDREW CALDWELL lived somewhere near the plant in the Hudson City section of Jersey City, New Jersey. Mrs. CONNELL stated that in the event either the name of BLACK or GOLD came to her she would contact the writer at the Newark Office.

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FROM : SA: THOMAS W. KELTY

DATE: JUNE 19, 1950

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK, with aliases
ESPIONAGE - R

Upon receipt of information from the Philadelphia Office on June 18, 1950 to the effect that the subject would arrive at Pennsylvania Station, Newark, New Jersey, on the 11:55 p. m. train out of Philadelphia, the following surveillance of the subject was conducted by Special Agents Blake E. Turner, Delton C. Goerke, Rufus T. Tyson and the writer:

12:00 Midnight Surveillance instituted at Pennsylvania Railroad Station, Newark, New Jersey. *Pro*

12:30 a. m. Subject observed leaving train from Philadelphia carrying one small black overnight bag. Subject proceeded to Station lobby where the surveillance was taken over from the Philadelphia Agents. *Pro*

12:35 a. m. Subject entered telephone booth at Pennsylvania Station lobby and made telephone call. *Pro*

12:45 a. m. Subject left telephone booth and proceeded on foot from Pennsylvania Station to Market Street where he turned right and proceeded to Broad Street, Newark. Subject then turned left on Broad Street and went down Broad Street to Hill Street, where he turned right and crossed Broad Street and proceeded down Hill Street. *Pro*

1:10 a. m. Subject observed entering Douglass Hotel, Newark, where he registered. *Pro*

2:00 a. m. General Manager, JAMES CASSELL, Douglass Hotel, Hill Street, Newark, New Jersey, was contacted and exhibited the Subject's registration card which contained the following information:

Subject registered at 1:17 a. m. as THOMAS L. BLACK, 1929 North Sixth Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The subject was assigned Room #629 and paid for his room in advance.

Arrangements were made with Mr. CASSELL to list all telephone calls made by Subject during his stay at the Douglass Hotel.

3:00 a. m. Surveillance turned over to Special Agents Thomas L. Lovering, Gus M. Moore, Alfred R. Jones and Paul L. Dinsmore.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC S. K. MC KEE

DATE: June 19, 1950

FROM : SA THOMAS W. KELTY

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK, was
ESPIONAGE - R

8:30 PM 6/18/50: SA BLAKE E. TURNER and the writer boarded Penna RR train for Philadelphia with subject. *FILE*

10:05 PM 6/18/50: Subject alighted from train at No. Philadelphia where the surveillance was turned over to Phila. Agents. SA TURNER and writer then returned to Newark.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : S. H. MC FEE, SAC

FROM : SA THOMAS F. JONES

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: 6/20/50

Philadelphia Division requested this office to identify the following persons whose names were noted among BLACK's personal effects and whom BLACK could not identify:

HEISEMAN, 1045 Fairview - EL 3-6989
HERMAN, A. - OR 3-9190
MC CLURE - EL 3-3263
DAVID STONE - WE 2-5537

EL 3-6989 is listed to F. R. HEISEMAN, 1045 Fairview Place, Hillside, New Jersey. Office indices are negative re HEISEMAN. Mrs. F. R. HEISEMAN was telephonically contacted on June 19, 1950 by the writer and advised that HEISEMAN died four years ago. Mrs. HEISEMAN did not recall THOMAS L. BLACK as a personal or business associate of her husband. According to Mrs. HEISEMAN, her husband had been associated with the National Grocery Company in New Jersey.

OR 3-9190 was listed to ABRAHAM M. HERMAN, 319 Main Street, Orange, New Jersey. The office indices were negative re ABRAHAM M. HERMAN. Mr. HERMAN was telephonically contacted on June 19, 1950 by the writer and advised he is an attorney. Mr. HERMAN stated he could not recall knowing anyone by the name of THOMAS L. BLACK.

EL 3-3263 was listed for SAMUEL MC CLURE, 123 James Street, Hillside, New Jersey. The office indices were negative regarding MC CLURE. The writer telephonically contacted Mrs. MC CLURE at the above address and she advised her husband was presently working for the Crawford Steel Casting Company in Bucyrus, Ohio. He resides at the Weaver Hotel in Bucyrus, Ohio. According to Mrs. MC CLURE, her husband worked for the American Steel Casting Company (formerly the Eastern Steel Casting Company) in Newark, New Jersey. Mrs. MC CLURE does not recall knowing BLACK as a social acquaintance of her husband.

WE 2-5537 is listed for C. W. ROSS, 702 Mountain Avenue, Westfield, New Jersey. Both ROSS and STONE's names are negative in the office indices. Mr. ROSS advised that DAVID STONE now resides at 174 Harrison Avenue, Westfield, New Jersey, c/o JOSEPH F. ALEXANDER. ALEXANDER's name is negative in the office indices. STONE was telephonically contacted by the writer on June 19, 1950, and advised he does not recall ever having known THOMAS L. BLACK. STONE advised he is a veteran.

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TO : SAC S. K. MC KEE

FROM : SA DELTON C. GOERKE

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: June 20, 1950

Efforts to locate RICHARD W. WILSON whose last known address was 148 Steuben St., East Orange, New Jersey, through available sources of information were unsuccessful. According to personnel records of the NOPCO Chemical Co., Harrison, N.J., WILSON left their employ 9/11/45 to enter Lynchburg, Va., Theological School.

In an effort to locate BERNARD EDELSTEIN, whose last known address was 227 E. Blancke St., Linden, N.J., the following people were telephonically contacted:

Mrs. L. DIAMOND & MR. H. LAIBEL, both residing at the above address, advised they do not know BERNARD EDELSTEIN.

Records of NOPCO Chemical Co., reflect EDELSTEIN had, at one time, resided at 1080 Elizabeth Ave., Elizabeth, N.J. This address is listed for a JACOB EDELSTAIN, Sheetmetal Worker. Investigation at this address reflects EDELSTEIN to be in Chicago, address unknown.

Investigation revealed that the person listed as SHAW telephone # Market2-4136 is probably identical to Rev. CHARLES F. SHAW, 66 Fleming Ave., Newark, N.J. who has the above telephone #.

Rev. SHAW was telephonically contacted but he denied ever knowing anyone by the name of BLACK.

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TO : SAC S. K. MC KEE

FROM : SA JAMES H. HIGDON, JR.

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK, was.
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: 6/20/50

This is to record the fact that on June 17, 1950, at 9:00 p.m. SA TROY COLEMAN and the writer proceeded by Bureau automobile to the Philadelphia Office with items of possible evidentiary value, which were secured in a search of the belongings of BLACK's which were in storage in the Van Poznak Storage Warehouse Company, 82 Howard Street, Newark, N. J.

At 11:30 p.m. on June 17, 1950, SA COLEMAN and the writer turned over the above items to SA CARLOS L. KIRBY of the Philadelphia Office.

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FERDINAND PHILLIP HELLER, ALIAS FRED HELLER, ESP- R. HELLER IS THE
MAN WHO INTRODUCED HARRY GOLD TO THOMAS L. BLACK ABOUT NINETEEN
THIRTY THREE. BLACK HAS SAID THAT HE AND HELLER DECIDED TOGETHER IN
THIRTYTHREE TO GET WORK IN THE SOVIET UNION AND FOR THIS PURPOSE
VISITED ANTORG IN NY WHERE GAIK OVAKIMIAN ATTEMPTED TO UTILIZE THEM IN
ESPIONAGE WORK. HELLER BROUGHT VOLUNTARILY TO PHILA. OFFICE FOR INTER-
VIEW THIS AFTERNOON AND HAS SO FAR BEEN HIGHLY EVASIVE. HE SAID HE
WAS BORN PHILA. DEC. TWELVE NINETEEN NAUGHT SEVEN, GRADUATED NORTHEAST
MS PHILA. IN TWENTYSIX, GRADUATED PA. STATE COLLEGE NINETEEN THIRTY
WITH BS IN CHEMISTRY, TOOK GRADUATE WORK UNIV. OF VA. NINETEEN THIRTY
ONE AND EMPLOYED PA. SUGAR CO. THIRTYONE WHERE HE MET HARRY GOLD.
GOLD SUFFERED LAYOFFS AND ABOUT THIRTY TWO OR THIRTY THREE, TOM BLACK
OFFERED HELLER A JOB AT HOLDBROOK SOAP CO. HELLER NOT INTERESTED AND
TURNED JOB CONTACT OVER TO GOLD, WHO WAS THEN UNEMPLOYED. GOLD MERELY
AN ACQUAINTANCE AND HELLER WOULD HAVE DONE THE SAME FOR ANYONE ELSE
WHO HAD WORKED WITH HIM AND WAS UNEMPLOYED. RECOLLECTION THAT HE IN-
TRODUCE GOLD TO BLACK BY LETTER AND GOLD RECEIVED JOB. HELLER UNEM-
PLOYED IN THIRTYFOUR AND MOVED TO THREE THIRTY FIVE WEST ELEVENTH
ST., NYC, WHERE HE LIVED WITH VERA KANE. AT THAT TIME
SEVEN MONTHS FOR REESE BROTHERS, NYC ON MADISON AVE., IN FORBES 7-1950

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FIFTIES. COMPANY NO LONGER IN BUSINESS. WHEN HE LOST THIS JOB HE SOUGHT EMPLOYMENT IN SOVIET UNION AND VISITED AMTORG. HE ASKED FOR TECH. REPRESENTATIVE AND WAS INTRODUCED TO OVAKIMIAN WHO MADE APPOINTMENT TO SEE HIM AT DINNER THAT EVENING TO DISCUSS EMPLOYMENT. OVAKIMIAN SHOWED INTEREST IN HELLER-S EXPERIENCE IN MFG. OF ESTERS. HELLER TOLD HIM ABOUT BLACK AND A WEEK OR TWO LATER, SAW HIM BY APPOINTMENT TOGETHER WITH BLACK. MET AT FIFTH AVE. AND FORTY SECOND ST. AND ATE AT LEON-S RESTAURANT. THEY DESCRIBED THEIR TECHNICAL BACKGROUND AND OVAKIMIAN TOLD THEM SOMETHING OF HIS OWN FAMILY AND EMPLOYMENT HISTORY. AFTER HELLER-S THIRD VISIT WITH OVAKIMIAN WITHOUT CONCRETE RESULTS HE SUSPECTED NOTHING WOULD COME OF JOB PROMISES AND LOST INTEREST. HE SUSPECTED AT TIME OVAKIMIAN INVOLVED IN ESPIONAGE. CLAIMS HE HEARD NO MORE OF OVAKIMIAN UNTIL HE SAW IN PAPERS THAT HE DECLARED HIMSELF A SOVIET AGENT. AFTER AMTORG VISITS HE LOST CONTACT WITH BLACK FOR A YEAR OR YEAR AND HALF. HE DID NOT KNOW AT TIME OF BLACK-S FURTHER CONTACT WITH OVAKIMIAN. BLACK LATER TOLD HIM HE SAW OVAKIMIAN ONE OR TWO TIMES MORE. HELLER WAS NEVER AGAIN IN CONTACT WITH OVAKIMIAN OR ANY OF HIS AGENTS. HELLER TOOK JOB WITH CELLULOID CORP. OF AMERICA, NY WHICH HE HELD TO DEC. THIRTY SIX. HE THEN LIVED AT FIVE TEN HUDSON ST., NYC, RENTED FROM AN AD IN NEW PASSES. IN EARLY THIRTY SEVEN SPENT THREE MONTHS VACATION IN MIAMI, FLA. IN APRIL OR MAY THIRTY SEVEN, HIRED BY AMERICAN CHEMICAL PAINT CO., ANDLER, PA.

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HELLER CLAIMS HE NEVER BELONGED TO CP NOR WAS HE EVER INVOLVED IN ESPIONAGE. HE REFERS TO HIMSELF AS PINK POLITICALLY TO EXTENT OF READING NEW MASSES, NEW REPUBLIC AND NATION WHICH MAGAZINES HE DESCRIBED AS SLIGHTLY LEFT AND ON RARE OCCASIONS READS DAILY WORKER. HE CONSIDERED SOVIET UNION A PROGRESSIVE COUNTRY, FIGHTING TO BE RECOGNIZED BY FAMILY OF NATIONS. HE THOUGHT MANY THINGS GOOD ABOUT SOVIET SYSTEM, BUT WAS NEVER SYMPATHETIC ENOUGH TO JOIN CP.

DURING NINETEEN THIRTY FIVE TO THIRTY SEVEN, CERTAIN FRIENDS AND ACQUAINTANCES ASKED HIM TO JOIN CP BUT HE REFUSED. WHILE EMPLOYED BY AMERICAN CHEMICAL PAINT CO. HE TRAVELED TO CHICAGO, CINCINNATI, NY, PITTSBURGH, MILWAUKEE BUT NEVER FARTHER WEST ^{TO} DES MOINES. IN EUROPE SEPT. TO DEC. FORTY NINE, VISITING ITALY, SWITZERLAND, LUXENBORG, LICHTENSTEIN, BELGIUM, HOLLAND, FRANCE, NORWAY, SWEDEN, DENMARK WITH STOPOVER IN SCOTLAND. TRIP FOR PURPOSE OF SERVICE AND SALES OF CO. PRODUCTS. FROM EARLY MAY TO JUNE NINE, FIFTY MADE SECOND TRIP TO EUROPE SPENDING TIME AT FIAT AUTO PLANT TURINO, ITALY, WHERE HE DID SERVICE WORK ON FINISHING SYSTEM SUPPLIED BY HIS CO. NY ALREADY HAS INTERVIEWED VERA KANE. REQUESTED TO CHECK INDICES, INTERROGATE LOGICAL INFORMANTS AND DEVELOP ANY BACKGROUND POSSIBLE REGARDING HELLER-S RESIDENCE IN NY. SUGGEST BUREAU MAY DETERMINE

THRU CIA IF HELLER-S ACTIVITIES IN EUROPE SUSPICIOUS. HELLER SIGNED VOLUNTARY AUTHORIZATION TO SEARCH RESIDENCE AND THIS SEARCH MADE NIGHT OF JUNE SIXTEEN

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SEARCH OF HELLER-S ROOM MADE AND
COMPLETED WITHOUT DEVELOPING ANYTHING OF VALUE TO INSTANT INVESTIGA-
TION. HELLER CONTINUING WITH PLANS TO BE MARRIED THREE O-CLOCK
AFTERNOON JUNE SEVENTEEN AND TO SPEND HONEYMOON IN STONE, VERMONT.
HELLER-S BRIDE TO BE ROSE MC GETTIGAN ONE TWO ONE EIGHT THURMAN ST.,
CAMDEN, N. J. DIVORCE RECORDS AT PHILA. REFLECT HELLER MARRIED
DOROTHY F. WISWELL, JULY NINETEEN FORTY THREE IN NYC. AT TIME OF
MARRIAGE HE RESIDED ONE NAUGHT FIVE E. GOWEN AVE., PHILA. THOMAS
L. BLACK ACTED AS WITNESS AT THE WEDDING. HELLER WAS DIVORCED BY
WISWELL FEB. FORTY FIVE FOR QUOTE INDIGNITIES, CRUEL AND BARBAROUS
TREATMENT UNQUOTE. HELLER-S RESIDENCE IN FEB. FORTY FIVE INDICATED
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FERDINAND P. HELLER, ESP - R. HELLER VISITED PHILA OFFICE NINE FORTYFIVE AM THIS DATE. IDENTIFIED PICTURE OF FRANCIS KAPLAN AS PROBABLY INDIVIDUAL KNOWN BY HELLER AS AGNES AT FIVE TEN HUDSON ST., NY. DESCRIPTIONS TALLY. NEW YORK REFER TO PHILA LET APRIL TWENTYFIVE, FIFTY, RE FRANCES KAPLAN, AKA MISS AGNES, SECURITY MATTER - C, PHILA FILE ONE HUNDRED DASH TWENTYONE NAUGHT NAUGHT SIX. HELLER ELABORATED ON STATEMENT OF VERA KANE RE MARRY GOLD BEING QUOTE A BAD EGG UNQUOTE BY RELATING THAT KANE VISITED HELLER AT PHILA IN NINETEEN FORTYFOUR SHORTLY AFTER HELLER-S SEPARATION FROM DOROTHY WISWELL AND APPROXIMATELY ONE WEEK BEFORE HELLER WENT TO CHICAGO. HELLER ALSO RELATED IN REGARD TO GOING TO RUSSIA THAT IT WAS HIS IMPRESSION KANE PLANNED TO GO WITH HELLER AND BLACK. REGARDING KANE-S DENIAL THAT SHE EVER LIVED WITH HELLER, HELLER STATES THAT ONE MR. LAURENTS PARENTHESIS FIRST NAME UNKNOWN PARENTHESIS, THE LANDLORD AT THREE THIRTYFIVE WEST ELEVENTH ST., WHO WAS SENT TO PRISON PROBABLY TWO YEARS AGO FOR

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A RENT VIOLATION, COULD VERIFY HIS LIVING WITH KANE AS COULD A MRS. WALSH, THE CARETAKER AT THREE THIRTYFIVE WEST ELEVENTH ST., WHO RESIDED ACROSS THE STREET FROM THAT ADDRESS IN THE HOUSE WHERE GENE TUNNEY WAS BORN. HELLER STATED THAT, AFTER HIS BREAK WITH VERA KANE, NUMEROUS INDIVIDUALS HAD KEYS TO HER APARTMENT AND APARTMENT REFERRED TO AS QUOTE HAYWIRE BUT UNQUOTE. HELLER ALSO IDENTIFIED ONE JOHN WALDO AS BEING CLOSE FRIEND OF VERA KANE AND ONE WHO MIGHT BE ABLE TO FURNISH INFO RE KANE AND BLACK. ANOTHER CLOSE FRIEND OF THOMAS BLACK, FERDINAND HELLER AND VERA KANE IDENTIFIED BY HELLER AS HARRY DELALIAN WHO WORKS FOR CALCO, BOUND BROOK, N. J., AND WHO RESIDES AT RUTHERFORD, N. J. NEW YORK, DURING INTERVIEW WITH KANE, SHOULD OBTAIN FULL DETAILS RE ABOVE TRIP TO PHILA TO VISIT HELLER AND ALSO ESTABLISH IDENTITY OF JOHN WALDO WHO SHOULD ALSO BE INTERVIEWED IF DEEMED ADVISABLE. NEWARK REQUESTED TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW HARRY DELALIAN RE HIS KNOWLEDGE OF HELLER, BLACK, AND KANE. FOR NEWARK-S INFO - DELALIAN, BLACK AND HELLER WERE ALL CHARTER MEMBERS OF QUOTE THE LIBERAL CLUB UNQUOTE AT PENNA STATE COLLEGE, LATE TWENTIES. CLUB WAS ATHEISTIC AND OPPOSED TO COMPULSORY R. O. T. C. TRAINING AND COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE AT RELIGIOUS CHAPEL.

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FERDINAND PHILIP HELLER, WA., ESP. - R. PHILA REQUESTED TO FORWARD PHOTOS OF HELLER FOR EXHIBITION TO INFORMANTS. JOHN L. WAS MENTIONED BY VERA KANE IN A PREVIOUS INTERVIEW AS THE NICKNAME FOR BROTHER OF CHARLES FRIEFIELD WHO BLACK TOOK INTO HIS APARTMENT IN NEWARK SOMETIME PRIOR TO NINETEEN THIRTY EIGHT. JOHN L. OR CHARLES FRIEFIELD ALLEGEDLY INTRODUCED BLACK TO A TROTSKYITE GROUP. EFFORTS TO LOCATE FRANCES KAPLAN AKA HISS AGNES FOR INFORMATION SET OUT IN PHILA LET APRIL TWENTY FIVE LAST HAVE BEEN NEGATIVE TO DATE. CHECK WAS MADE OF INFORMANTS AND OF MARRIAGE RECORDS IN NYC. REGARDING REINTERVIEW OF VERA KANE AT THIS TIME FOLLOWING IS NOTED. IN INTERVIEWS THUS FAR SHE HAS BEEN EVASIVE AND HAS DENIED KNOWLEDGE OF ESPIONAGE ACTIVITIES SUCH AS HAVE BEEN DESCRIBED BY BLACK HELLER AND GOLD. THEREFORE IT IS BELIEVED THAT FURTHER INTERVIEWS WITH HER SHOULD BE HELD IN ABEYANCE PENDING RECEIPT OF ALL INFO ABOUT HER WHICH MIGHT BE OBTAINED FROM ALL PERSONS BEING INTERVIEWED IN INSTANT CASE INCLUDING BLACK, GOLD AND HELLER. WHEN SUCH INFO IS RECEIVED IT IS CONTEMPLATED SHE WILL BE INTERVIEWED AT LENGTH IN AN EFFORT TO STRAIGHTEN OUT ALL THE DISCREPANCIES IN HER STORY AND TO GET HER TO TELL THE COMPLETE TRUTH OF HER KNOWLEDGE OF SOVIET ESPIONAGE ACTIVITIES.

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TO : SAC S. K. MC KEE

FROM : SA THOMAS F. JONES

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK, Was.
ESPIONAGE - R

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DATE: June 19, 1950

Special Agents CLARK D. TOMPKINS, RICHARD E. BRITSON, G. RANDALL MC GOUGH and the writer started a surveillance on the subject at 6:00 AM on June 18, 1950 at the ALEXANDRIA HAMILTON HOTEL, Church Street, Paterson, New Jersey.

At 10:15 AM the subject entered the lobby of the hotel from the elevator, in the company of two men identified from the hotel register as EMORY RICHARDS, GLENDALE, Rhode Island, and PERCY H. HELIE, Worcester, Massachusetts. All three proceeded directly into the hotel restaurant.

At 10:45 AM the three men left the lunchroom together. They stopped at the desk and BLACK asked the clerk on duty if a Notary Public were available. The Clerk told him no. BLACK then told the other two men that a druggist friend of his was a Notary Public and would come over.

At 10:55 AM BLACK, RICHARDS and HELIE checked out of the hotel and proceeded to the hotel parking lot where they entered a gray 1950 Club coupé Chrysler, bearing 1950 Mass. license plates #715-248. This car proceeded to 177 East Railway Avenue, Paterson, New Jersey where the three men left the automobile and entered the plant. JACOB FASS was observed at this time when he opened the door of the plant for BLACK and his companions.

There was no activity observed in the vicinity of 177 East Railway Avenue until 1:45 PM when RICHARDS and HELIE were observed leaving in the gray Chrysler. BLACK and FASS accompanied them from the plant to the automobile and it appeared the parties were very friendly.

At 3:35 PM FASS and BLACK left the plant and proceeded to Getty Avenue and Thomas Street, Paterson, by foot where BLACK mailed a letter. At this point BLACK was overheard by the writer to say to FASS "Don't lecture me."

FASS and BLACK proceeded to the Madison Plaza Grill at Getty Avenue and Gerry Street, Paterson, where they entered the grill.

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At 4:10 PM BLACK and FASS emerged from the grill and proceeded to walk across the viaduct to Beckwith Avenue and then down Beckwith Avenue to a small park which they entered and sat down.

BLACK and FASS remained in this park talking until 4:55 PM at which time they walked back to the plant located at 177 East Railway Avenue, Paterson, arriving at 5:10 PM.

The rest of the surveillance is covered in the memorandum of Agent DELTON GOERKE.

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TO : S. K. McKee, SAC

FROM : Reginald C. Vincent, SA

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: 6/20/50

ERNEST SEGESSEMANN was interviewed at the laboratory of Fine Organics, Inc, 205 Main St, Lodi, NJ, by SA THOMAS M. O'CONNOR and the writer.

SEGESSEMANN advised that his memory is very poor and all dates furnished would be approximate. He furnished the following information.

He met THOMAS BLACK through CLIFFORD HEVNER, a fellow worker with SEGESSEMANN at Nat'l Oil Products Co, Harrison, NJ. BLACK and HEVNER had attended Pennsylvania State College together and SEGESSEMANN believed BLACK had been expelled from that institution for atheistic activity. The meeting with BLACK occurred in 1929 SEGESSEMANN believed but was certain that it was during the time BLACK was employed at the Holbrook Manufacturing Co, Jersey City.

Subsequently, BLACK, SEGESSEMANN and HEVNER roomed together at Sip St (number unknown), Jersey City, for approximately 7 months.

In 1930, SEGESSEMANN and BLACK left HEVNER and took an apartment together at 55 Oxford St, Newark.

In about either 1932 or 1933, BLACK obtained a position in the laboratory of Nat'l Oil Products Co. and this was largely through the efforts of SEGESSEMANN.

BLACK remained at Nat'l Oil Products Co. until 1944 when he went into business on his own in Newark as a chemical consultant. This employment was followed by employment with the Charles Berg Laboratories in Philadelphia. On leaving Holbrook BLACK helped HARRY GOLD to obtain the position which he had just left in that company.

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About this time GOLD made frequent visits to the Oxford St. apartment ostensibly to gain knowledge and know how concerning his new job from BLACK.

SEGESSESMANN had no knowledge where or when BLACK and GOLD first met but is sure the meeting occurred prior to the time he himself met BLACK. He believes their acquaintance may have begun at the Pennsylvania Sugar Refinery in Philadelphia where GOLD had been employed prior to his coming to Holbrook.

GOLD's visits to BLACK's apartment continued until 1937 when SEGESSESMANN was sent by Nat'l Oil Products to Cedartown, Ga.

SEGESSESMANN remained in Cedartown, Ga, for one year and upon returning to Newark, NJ, in 1938, occupied a separate apartment in the same apartment building on Oxford St but in a different unit from the one BLACK occupied.

SEGESSESMANN moved to Wood Ridge, NJ, in 1941, and left his employment with Nat'l Oil Products Co. in 1942, when he went to Fine Organics, Inc., Lodi, NJ.

SEGESSESMANN volunteered the information that BLACK had told him he had been a member of the CP in Jersey City during the early 1930s. He placed the period as sometime around 1933 or 1934. BLACK was not an aggressive member but attended meetings regularly and SEGESSESMANN knew that BLACK on one occasion delivered the DAILY WORKER. BLACK had an acquaintance with Party members and people in union circles in and around Jersey City and Newark, NJ, but the identity of these people are unknown to SEGESSESMANN.

The first break with the Party SEGESSESMANN believes came when the Party wanted BLACK to form a CP cell at Nat'l Oil Products Co. This BLACK refused to do. The final break with the Party came at the time of the Russo-German Pact prior to World War II. It was SEGESSESMANN's impression that BLACK became disgusted with the Party at the signing of this pact. During the period of his membership SEGESSESMANN gained the impression that BLACK favored the Russian form of government.

After leaving the Party, BLACK became a Socialist of the NORMAN THOMAS school. On one occasion BLACK remarked to SEGESSESMANN that he was a Socialist and not a Marxist.

Prior to joining the Party, BLACK attended meetings of the American Association for the Advancement of Atheism in New York City. BLACK has been a professed atheist since SEGESSESMANN has known him.

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SEGESSESMANN has no knowledge of any activity of BLACK with the SWP and specifically stated that he was certain that BLACK had never made a trip to Chicago for the purpose of attending a convention or otherwise.

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SEGESSESMANN pointed out that during the visits of HARRY GOLD to the BLACK apartment he overheard GOLD and BLACK engage in political discussions and he was definite that BLACK attempted to convince GOLD of the merits of Communism and GOLD appeared to be anti Communist/

With regard to CLIFFORD HEVENER, SEGESSESMANN believed he had been much opposed to BLACK's Communist ideas but BLACK never tried to change his mind.

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HEVENER left Nat'l Oil Products Co in 1936 to work for the Atlas Refinery in Newark. SEGESSESMANN described HEVENER as being a negative or backward type of person.

As to himself, SEGESSESMANN said that in the beginning BLACK sound-ed him out as to his political views and ideology and on finding him opposed to BLACK's, made no further effort to discuss it.

As to other acquaintances of BLACK, SEGESSESMANN advised that FERDINANT (FERN) HELLER had visited the apartment in Newark approximately 3 or 4 times a year. HELLER had also been a student at Pennsylvania State College and SEGESSESMANN believed their first meeting took place there. HELLER was then employed by the Pennsylvania Sugar Co. in Philadelphia, and SEGESSESMANN believed HELLER was also acquainted with HARRY GOLD from that employment. HELLER was believed by SEGESSESMANN to be now working as a chemist with American Chemical Paint Co. in Philadelphia.

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Another acquaintance of BLACK was mentioned as JACK FASS who had also been an employee at Nat'l Oil Products Co. On leaving that organization, he had started a small business in Philadelphia for the manufacture of a cleaning compound. SEGESSESMANN believed he had moved to Paterson, NJ, and was known as the Spruce Chemical Co. He also understood that BLACK was considering taking employment with FASS in the Spruce Co.

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SEGESSESMANN stated that he was acquainted with JACK FASS having been employed at Nat'l Oil Products Co. with him but stated he recalled no visits of that individual to the Oxford St. apartment.

Also regarding FASS, SEGESSESMANN advised that he was under the impression that FASS had sublet BLACK's apartment when the latter left to take employment in Philadelphia. He understood that the sublet was for the purpose of FASS' family residing there.

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The only other individual that SEGESSEMANN could think of who also associated with BLACK other than the regular employees of Nat'l Oil Products Co was one CHARLES FRIEFIELD who SEGESSEMANN advised moved in to BLACK's apartment during the period of BLACK's hospitalization. *admin*

SEGESSEMANN also advised that during his acquaintance with BLACK, he had learned his father had been a professor in a Pennsylvania college and he had a step mother whom he very much disliked. He recalled that BLACK had changed his name from LASSO to THOMAS as a consequence of his having received a great deal of kidding about that name. *admin*

SEGESSEMANN described BLACK as a man of many interests who would suddenly take an interest in some particular subject such as wild life or photography and then would spend a great deal of time and money on it for a short period and then forget it. He said he did not believe BLACK would commit espionage inasmuch as he considered him to be a mental coward and for that reason would not dare to commit such an act. He added that money was apparently of not interest to BLACK, that he was a good natured, likable sort of fellow but one who kept his own counsel. He added that it was quite possible for BLACK to have carried on such activity while living with him since he was that type of person. As an example of BLACK's good naturedness, he explained that BLACK had made considerable effort to place HARRY GOLD's brother JOE in some type of laboring position at Nat'l Oil Products Co.

SEGESSEMANN advised that BLACK's chief interest was in his work in the chemistry and bacteriology field and he took a great interest in photography having considerable knowledge and experience in the field. He had studied all phases of photography including color photography and micro photography, the latter being a subject which BLACK used to considerable extent in the laboratory at Nat'l Oil Products Co. BLACK had no dark room in his apartment during the period of SEGESSEMANN's residence there but did his photographic work in the laboratory at his place of employment.

SEGESSEMANN added that BLACK was painstaking and efficient but not in the least ambitious. He said BLACK was not a drinker or sexually abnormal in any way.

SEGESSEMANN advised that he never received the impression that BLACK was engaged in any form of suspicious or illegal activity, and he was never aware that BLACK kept any papers or material of an unauthorized nature in the apartment.

He further advised he had no knowledge of HARRY GOLD asking for or receiving any information from BLACK except in regard to the job which GOLD took over from BLACK at the Holbrook Manufacturing Co.

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SEGESSEMANN had no knowledge of BLACK having any acquaintance or association with any one of Russian origin.

With regard to BLACK's connection with Fine Organics, Inc., SEGESSEMANN advised that although BLACK was not on the regular payroll of the company he had for a number of years served as a consultant and did receive compensation for same.

SEGESSEMANN also advised he had no knowledge whatsoever of ALFRED DEAN SLACK and that he retained nothing of BLACK's personal property.

Based on the information furnished by the Philadelphia Office regarding the interview with BLACK, SEGESSEMANN was questioned specifically concerning the following points:

Any knowledge he might have had of Black and/or FERDINANT P. HELLER ever having any desire to go to Russia;
whether or not BLACK ever acted as a consultant for Amtorg Trading Corp;

any knowledge SEGESSEMANN might have of PAUL PETERSON, GEORGE JOHN or JACK;

whether or not BLACK was visited by HARRY GOLD while at the hospital in 1938;

any knowledge SEGESSEMANN might have concerning DR. ROBERT SWARTZ or SCHWARTZ;

any intention or mention by BLACK of going to Mexico City;

whether or not BLACK had ever intended or mentioned the intention of getting a job with Kellex, a subsidiary of Kellogg Engineering Co;

any photographs or documents that BLACK might have concerning Trotsky; and whether or not BLACK had ever traveled to Chicago.

About none of the above points was SEGESSEMANN able to furnish information except in the negative.

SEGESSEMANN advised that neither BLACK nor HELLER had ever mentioned going to Russia nor had BLACK ever mentioned any desire to go to Mexico City or to be employed by Kellex.

Specifically SEGESSEMANN advised that he was positive BLACK had not traveled to Chicago at any time and particularly not for the SWP convention. SEGESSEMANN was questioned several times on this point and he advised that it would have been virtually impossible for BLACK to make such a trip without SEGESSEMANN's knowledge.

During the course of the afternoon investigation, SEGESSEMANN volunteered the search of any photographs and papers he might have in order to make doubly certain that he has no material pertaining to BLACK. In line with this, a waiver of search was secured from SEGESSEMANN and with his cooperation the agents searched the SEGESSEMANN home at 165 12th St, Wood-Ridge, NJ. During the course of this search no material of any kind pertaining to BLACK or other known principals was noticed. In this connection it was noticed there was very little correspondence in the SEGESSEMANN home although he was in possession of hundreds of photographs most of which were of the post card variety and others taken upon his several trips to Europe.

SEGESSEMANN furnished the following background information concerning himself:

NAME:	ERNEST GOTTLIEB SEGESSEMANN (Gottlieb dropped years ago and not used)
BORN:	3/28/01, Thun, Switzerland
ENTERED U.S.	1921 at Hoboken, NJ
NATURALIZED:	U. S. Citizen Sept, 1927, at Newark
MARITAL STATUS:	Married HARRIET ROGERS 2/21/48, at New York, NY. Wife born 4/16/99, at Meadville, Pa.

He furnished the following record of past residences:

1921-1922	Hawthorne, NJ (St address unknown)
1922-1923	Rooming house on 18th St, New York, NY
1923-1924	Various rooming houses in Bayonne, NJ (St addresses unknown)
1924	Cartaret St, Bloomfield, NJ
1924-1928	Morris Ave, Springfield, NJ
1928-1929	c/o HAZEL SCHAFFER, High St, Newark
1929-about	1931 Sip St, Jersey City
1931-1937	55 Oxford St, Newark
1937-1938	Cedartown, Ga.
1938-1941	Lexington St, Newark
1941-pres	165 12th St, Wood-Ridge, Bergen County, NJ

EMPLOYMENT

1921-1922	American Zeolite Co, Paterson, NJ; student chemist
1922-1923	Gray-Finn Printing, Inc, 19th St, New York City; laborer
1923-1924	Tidewater Oil Co, Bayonne, NJ; chemist
Fall of	Nat'l Oil Products Co, Harrison, NJ; chemist
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1942 to present Fine Organics, Inc, 205 Main St, Lodi, NJ.

EDUCATION

1918-1920 University of Bern, Switzerland; no degree
1924-1927 Night School, Cooper Union; BS Degree
1927-1935 Night School, Columbia University; Master of Science Degree

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TO : SAC, NEWARK

DATE: June 20, 1950

FROM : SA ROYAL A. MC GRAW

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK, Was.
ESPIONAGE - R

Re: N. Y. teletype dated June 17, 1950 in regard to the possibility of Black's having contacted Ovakimian or Podbielniak for information in regard to the manufacture of penicillin and related products.

Mr. MAURICE BACON COOKE, 969 May Fairway, Plainfield, New Jersey, advised, on June 18, 1950, that as a representative of the American Locomotive Company, he had frequent association with Giak Ovakimian, who was associated with Amtorg in New York City. He advised he was also acquainted to some extent with Podbielniak, Inc. of Tulsa, Oklahoma and Chicago, Illinois. He said that he had never heard of Thomas L. Black through Ovakimian or any other source.

Mr. COOKE advised that as a representative of American Locomotive Company he had the duty of showing many Russian commissions through different industrial plants in the United States during the period of time from 1935 to 1940, and that he has visited Russia on occasions to secure contracts for the American Locomotive Company.

He advised that he has furnished information to the FBI in New York on a number of occasions, and that he has also furnished information to the Department of Justice in Washington, D. C. concerning his travels in Russia.

Mr. COOKE furnished the following names of people whom he described as being very closely associated with Podbielniak, Inc., Chicago, Illinois:

Mr. JOSEPH MINNEVITCH, who is employed with the Stone Webster Company, Boston, Massachusetts.

Mr. GUS EGLOFF, who is employed with the Universal Laboratories, 312 South Michigan Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois.

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TO : SAC S. K. MC KEE

FROM : SA BERLYN H. CLOW

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK
ESPIONAGE - R

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Period covers 6/17/50:

JAMES T. CASSELL, Manager of the Douglas Hotel, 15 Hill St., Newark, advised that his records reflect the subject checked into the hotel at 1:17 a.m. on 6/17/50 and checked out at 7:35 a.m. the same date. CASSELL advised that there were no phone calls made from the subject's room and the subject apparently had no baggage because the room was paid for in advance.

LINWOOD CREWS, the only bellhop in attendance on Saturday night, advised that he had noticed no visitors to the subject's room during his stay at the hotel.

Mrs. JANE FRASER, 17 Oxford St., Newark, NJ, Unit 4, Apartment E-3, advised that she lived in this apartment building in various apartments for 14 years, and recalled the subject as a rather mysterious individual who was seldom seen on or about the premises of the apartment building. Mrs. FRASER stated that from her recollection she knew the subject was a chemist and that he kept strange pets in the apartment such as white rats, snakes and at one time a black crow. Mrs. FRASER stated that she thought the subject's actions were mysterious because he bothered to keep an apartment and was so seldom in it.

LEE RYAN, 55 Oxford St., Unit #1, Apartment E-5, advised that he recalled the subject had resided in this apartment building for many years, but that the subject was a quiet individual who seemed to require no companionship and for the most part kept to himself. MARION KOERBIS, 17 Oxford St., Unit 6, Apartment C-2, advised that she had been acquainted with the subject for the past ten years, but she had never been very closely associated with him and stated that in her opinion the subject had no close friends and few if any visitors to his apartment. Miss KOERBIS stated that she had heard from the janitor that the subject kept expensive cameras and valuable books in his apartment and therefore was extremely careful about the people whom he allowed in the apartment.

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Mrs. ELIZABETH KOERBIS, 17 Oxford St. Unit 6, Apartment C-2, advised that she also had been slightly acquainted with the subject but that he was the type of person who did not cultivate friendliness. Mrs. KOERBIS stated that from the gossip and rumors around the apartment building the subject had been described as a quiet fellow who preferred his own company and did not desire to become friendly with any of the other tenants. Mrs. KOERBIS recalled that the subject had been seriously burned several years ago and the accident had supposedly occurred while he was employed by the National Oil Products Co., Harrison, NJ.

BENJAMIN LEVITT, proprietor of Levitt's Drug Store, Flemming and Lexington Sts., Newark, advised that he recalled the subject had lived in the nearby apartment building for many years, but that the subject was a quiet individual who had frequented the drug store on numerous occasions but never gave any reason to question his loyalty to the US. LEVITT stated that he knew of no personal acquaintances of the subject other than one ERNEST SEGGES JEMANN who had shared an apartment with the subject many years ago. LEVITT stated that both of the men were quiet and well behaved.

WILLIAM KNOWLES, Detective, Newark, NJ PD, advised that he had lived in the same apartment building with the subject for a number of years, but at no time was given any reason to question his loyalty to the US. KNOWLES stated that he knew the subject had been employed at National Oil Products Company and that he was a chemist and upon leaving the apartment at Oxford St. he had gone to Philadelphia.

MARGARET CULLEN, Clerk at Chellis-Austin Apartments, renting office, Newark, NJ, where the subject resided from 1932 to 1937, advised that she had been acquainted with the subject but knew only that he resided in the apartment and was considered a rather eccentric individual because of his strange pets. Mrs. CULLEN stated that she has no reason to question the subject's loyalty to the US.

BETTY KENNEDY, 55 Oxford St., Unit 1, Apartment E-2, advised that she had been employed in the renting office of the apartment building for 15 years and recalled the subject had resided in this apartment building for many years. Mrs. KENNEDY stated that she had been acquainted with the subject but that he was a quiet reserved individual who did not seem to care for friendship with other tenants.

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EDWARD DRYDEN, Maintenance Engineer at the Chellis-Austin Apartments, advised that he had been employed as an engineer for about ten years there and that he had met the subject on several occasions. DRYDEN stated that the subject had never said or done anything which would indicate that he was anything but a loyal American citizen. DRYDEN stated that from his limited contact with the subject, he was of the opinion that the subject was a happy-go-lucky fellow who did not bother anybody and left the impression with his associates that he would rather be left alone.

IRVING SIEGEL, Proprietor of the Prudential Delicatessen, 52 Flemming St., Newark, advised that he has been the proprietor of the store for about ten years and the subject had patronized his store many times during this period. SIEGEL stated that the subject was considered eccentric because of the strange pets he kept in his apartment, white rats, black crow, etc. SIEGEL stated that he was not intimately associated with the subject because the subject on most occasions kept to himself and did not recommend friendly approaches.

The following individuals interviewed at the Chellis-Austin Apartments, Newark, NJ, advised that they were not acquainted with the subject:

WILLIAM GALLAGHER
MRS. E. NEUSCHAEFER
MRS. J. B. DULA

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TO : S. K. MC KEE, SAC

FROM : GERHARD P. HUNDT, SA

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK was
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DATE: June 20, 1950

The following investigation was conducted by the writer on 6/19/50:

Mrs. HENRY JAMMER, 1 Arlington Road, Cranford, New Jersey, advised that PAUL WILLIAMS from whom she has rented the house at this address since last fall, is an elderly man; a retired professor who is at the present time residing at 230 South 80th Street, Birmingham, Alabama. Mrs. JAMMER stated that she heard that WILLIAMS may accept a position at Howard College, Birmingham, Alabama.

Records of the Cranford Police Department contained no information concerning PAUL WILLIAMS other than that he was once involved in a family quarrel on which no action was taken.

CHESTER and GORDON JURADINE, Brothers, both of whom formerly worked for the American Cyanamid Company, Linden, New Jersey, are now employed by the Harshaw Chemical Company, Cleveland, Ohio, according to Mr. S. HANNA, Assistant Plant Manager, American Cyanamid Company.

GILFORD CHRISTENSEN, Owner Christensen Department Store, 97 Main Street, Woodbridge, New Jersey, advised that he had been a fellow employee of the subject at American Cyanamid Company in approximately 1929 or 1930. He recalled that the outstanding factor concerning BLACK was that the latter had been an ardent atheist and had been president of the American Association for Advancement of Atheists at some college in Pennsylvania, possibly Lehigh. CHRISTENSEN advised that BLACK had been a reliable worker who left the company of his own accord and stated he had never heard of BLACK doing or saying anything that could be considered un-American. He stated that he knew nothing of the subject's activities or associates outside of the plant (and named the following additional employees of the Cyanamid Company who might recall BLACK: *delete*

WILLIAM BOTHWELL
JAMES V. PRIFF
MONTAGUE HUTCHINSON
ROGERS GRAVELL

Mr. ROGERS GRAVELL, Works Technologist, American Cyanamid Company, Linden,

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New Jersey, advised that he could not recall the subject.

WILLIAM BOTHWELL, Department Supervisor, American Cyanamid Company, Linden, New Jersey, stated that he knew BLACK as a fellow employee approximately twenty years ago. He advised that to his knowledge BLACK had never said or done anything that BOTHWELL would consider to be against the best interests of this country. He recalled that there had been a rumor to the effect that BLACK read the Daily Worker for awhile during the time the subject was employed at the plant but that BLACK stopped reading it after some religious discussion with fellow workers, during which BLACK generally spoke in favor of atheism. BOTHWELL pointed out that this was "second hand" information and that he did not know from whom he had heard this since it was such a long time ago. He stated that he knew of no activities or associates of BLACK's outside of his employment with this company.

JAMES V. PRIFF, Chemist, American Cyanamid Company, Linden, New Jersey, advised that he recalled BLACK as a fellow worker, but since he did not work closely with him knew nothing about his political views, character or associates.

Mr. MONTAGUE HUTCHINSON, Chemist, American Cyanamid Company, Linden, New Jersey, advised that he recalled BLACK only as a fellow worker and knew of no associates or activities outside of the subject's employment at the plant. He stated that he could not recall ever having any political discussions with BLACK and remembered only that BLACK seemed to be fairly quiet and that he got along well with his fellow employees.

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TO : S. K. MC KEE, SAC

FROM : BLAKE E. TURNER, SA

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK, was.
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DATE: June 21, 1950

The following investigation was conducted by SA EUGENE C. JONES and the writer on June 20, 1950.

WILLIAM ZAWYRUCHA, also known as WASYL ZAWYRUCHA and WILLIAM ZAWYRUCKA, 150 Ellery Avenue, Newark, N. J., was interviewed regarding his knowledge of THOMAS BLACK. ZAWYRUCHA said that he has worked at the National Oil Products Company, Harrison, N. J., for a number of years but was unable to recall when he began employment there. He stated he first met THOMAS BLACK when the latter came to work at NOPCO in the early 1940's. ZAWYRUCHA said that since that time he has had little contact with BLACK and he knows nothing of his activities or associates. ZAWYRUCHA stated that he knew BLACK merely as another employee at NOPCO.

He continued that BLACK had visited his house on several occasions for dinner and that he visited BLACK's apartment on one occasion, at which time BLACK was residing in the Prudential Apartment, Downneck Section, Newark, N. J. ZAWYRUCHA said he had no knowledge concerning the activities or associates of subject. He also stated he had no reason whatsoever to question subject's loyalty or activities.

ZAWYRUCHA was questioned with regard to several cartons of personal belongings of the subject which had been addressed to THOMAS BLACK at the Van Poznack Warehouse, 92 Howard Street, Newark, N. J., on December 6, 1944 from 158 (or 150) Ellery Avenue, Newark, N. J. ZAWYRUCHA stated with regard to this question that in the latter part of 1944 his brother-in-law, FRANK DZIEDZIC, who was a friend of THOMAS BLACK's, had requested him to temporarily store some personal possessions of THOMAS BLACK in his garage at 150 Ellery Avenue, Newark, N. J. ZAWYRUCHA stated that he agreed to this on the condition that this material would remain there only temporarily and that BLACK would remove it as soon as possible. He could not recall how long the material remained in his garage but stated that he urged DZIEDZIC on several occasions to request BLACK to have it removed. Subsequently, this material was picked up from his garage.

ZAWYRUCHA stated he did not know the contents of this material nor could he describe how much there was. He further stated he had no knowledge of the manner in which it was taken from his garage and was unable to say where it was taken. ZAWYRUCHA disclaimed any other knowledge of instant.

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material. He stated he did not know the relationship between subject and DZIEDZIC other than the fact that they were fellow employees at NOPCO in Harrison.

ZAWYRUCHA further stated he does not know HARRY GOLD or ABRAHAM BROTHMAN.

ZAWYRUCHA said he could furnish no more information concerning THOMAS BLACK other than already set out.

ZAWYRUCHA produced Certificate of Citizenship No. 3274677 dated June 18, 1931, which was issued per Petition No. 21491 in the United States District Court, Middle District, Pennsylvania. Instant document reflected ZAWYRUCHA was born WASYL ZAWYRUCHA and that his name was officially changed by court order June 18, 1931. ZAWYRUCHA stated he was born February 15, 1897 at Striucka (phonetic), Austria. He emigrated to the United States in 1911, arriving at the Port of New York. He has worked as a janitor and coal miner in Newark, N. J., Detroit, Michigan, Cleveland, Ohio, and Taylor, Pennsylvania. His citizenship certificate indicates that he is of the Ukrainian race, Polish nationality, and that he resided 133 Jefferson Street, Taylor, Pennsylvania, in 1931.

The following description of ZAWYRUCHA was obtained by observation and questioning:

Age	53
Height	5' 10"
Weight	195
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Black—graying, partially bald
Build	Stocky
Distinguishing Characteristics	Wears glasses

FRANK DZIEDZIC, 176 High Street, Nutley, N. J., who is employed at the Hoffmann-LaRoche Company, Nutley, N. J., was also interviewed on June 20, 1950. It will be noted that DZIEDZIC was previously interviewed on June 18, 1950, at the home of his niece, Mrs. EDWARD NIEMASECK, who resides at 150 Ellery Avenue, Newark, N. J. DZIEDZIC stated that he first met TOM BLACK at the NOPCO Chemical Company, Harrison, N. J., where DZIEDZIC served as an assistant bacteriologist under BLACK in that company's laboratory for six to seven months. DZIEDZIC further advised that he was also employed as a janitor

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at this company and that he left the company in February, 1943, to enter the service. DZIEDZIC stated that he befriended the subject. In this regard, he stated that he felt sorry for BLACK, who appeared to him to be an eccentric individual. He stated that he has maintained occasional contact with BLACK from the latter part of 1942 until approximately a year ago. He stated that while employed at NOPCO BLACK maintained an apartment at the Prudential Apartment project in Downneck Newark. DZIEDZIC said he frequently visited BLACK at his apartment and that on several occasions he invited BLACK to dinner at the home of his brother-in-law, WILLIAM ZAWYRUCHA, at 150 Ellery Avenue, Newark, N. J., at whose address DZIEDZIC was also residing at that time.

DZIEDZIC stated that one JACOB FASS, who was also employed at NOPCO and with whom subject was quite friendly, was a frequent visitor to BLACK's apartment in Newark. DZIEDZIC said that three or four years ago when BLACK was preparing to move to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the subject asked him to temporarily store ten to twelve cardboard cartons of personal belongings at his home. DZIEDZIC stated he explained to BLACK that he was living at that time with his brother-in-law and that he would have to secure his consent. DZIEDZIC thereupon asked his brother-in-law, WILLIAM ZAWYRUCHA, for permission to allow BLACK to store instant material temporarily in his garage. DZIEDZIC said ZAWYRUCHA protested against this proposal but finally agreed on the condition that BLACK would remove it as soon as possible. DZIEDZIC said that BLACK then sent about ten to twelve cardboard boxes to ZAWYRUCHA's house at 150 Ellery Avenue, Newark, where it remained for approximately one month in the garage. At the end of that time it was picked up by a storage truck. *admin*

DZIEDZIC said at the time the material was picked up he was at work and he had no knowledge as to the disposition of the material. DZIEDZIC also stated he did not know the exact contents of these boxes but he assumed they contained various books, chemical equipment such as test tubes, retorts, glasses, etc. He said that he assumed this because of the fact that BLACK stored a great amount of miscellaneous material in his apartment at Newark consisting of items similar to those above. DZIEDZIC also said that his brother-in-law voiced strenuous objections on several occasions during the time that BLACK's belongings were stored in his garage and that ZAWYRUCHA frequently asked him to have BLACK remove this material. *admin*

DZIEDZIC stated that around three or four years ago BLACK requested him to transport several cardboard cartons of personal belongings of BLACK to an unrecalled address on Spruce Street in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. According to DZIEDZIC, BLACK had moved to this address while sub-letting his

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Newark apartment. DZIEDZIC said that the Spruce Street address was a two to three room apartment which BLACK shared with one JACOB FASS and a cousin of JACOB FASS who was a woman. DZIEDZIC stated that at BLACK's request he transported ten to twelve cardboard cartons of material to BLACK's apartment in Philadelphia, which material included books, chemical equipment such as glassware and chemicals, periodicals, and a small table radio. DZIEDZIC stated that on his return trip from Philadelphia he brought ten to twelve more boxes containing similar articles back to BLACK's Newark apartment. DZIEDZIC stated that this was the only time he ever visited subject in Philadelphia.

DZIEDZIC said that the last time he saw BLACK was approximately a year ago when the subject stopped at his house in Nutley, N. J., to say hello. DZIEDZIC added that approximately six months ago BLACK called him at his residence in Nutley to say hello. At this time DZIEDZIC asked the subject out to dinner but the latter declined. DZIEDZIC said it was his understanding that BLACK had assumed a position with a company engaged in the manufacture of soil compound near Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and that this was his reason for moving from Newark.

DZIEDZIC stated that at no time during his acquaintanceship with BLACK did he have any reason to question his activities. He stated, however, that during the war he received the impression that BLACK admired the part which the Russian Army played in World War II and that he appeared to be a person having "leftist" views. DZIEDZIC stated that beyond that he did not question the loyalty of subject.

DZIEDZIC stated that sometime in 1942 TOM BLACK introduced him to HARRY GOLD in the laboratory at NOPCO, Harrison, N. J. He also said that he saw GOLD on one other occasion at BLACK's apartment but he was unable to recall the date. DZIEDZIC stated that this was his only contact with GOLD and that he had no knowledge regarding HARRY GOLD or his activities.

DZIEDZIC stated that he lived at 150 Ellery Avenue, Newark, until May 19, 1945, when he moved to 283 Chestnut Street, Nutley, N. J., and after living at that address for three years moved to his present address.

DZIEDZIC stressed that his association with BLACK was strictly one of friendship.

The following description of FRANK DZIEDZIC was obtained through interview and observation:

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Born	October 18, 1913 at Stryjanka, Poland
Entered United States	1920 or 1921
Height	5' 6"
Weight	146
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Brown, curly
Build	Medium

Mr. C. G. MAISE, Personnel Department, Hoffmann-La Roche, Inc., Nutley, N. J., made available the personnel file of FRANK DZIEDZIC which reflected the following information:

He has been employed since December 3, 1943 at this company as a foreman chemical operator, Research Division. When originally employed here, he resided at 150 Ellery Avenue, Newark, N. J. His prior employment is reflected as Royal Miss Dress Company, Scranton, Pennsylvania, from 1932 to 1941. From December 29, 1941 to February 16, 1943, he was employed at NOPCO, Harrison, N. J. His personnel file contains the notation to the effect that he received a medical discharge from the United States Army. Instant file also reflects he has a physical defect of high blood pressure, and the following description:

Born	October 18, 1913, Poland
Naturalized	Per Certificate No. 6005623 Issued June 30, 1943, United States District Court, Atlanta, Georgia, (while in U.S. Army)
Army Serial Number	32766936
Social Security Number	170-09-3520
Education	Taylor Public School, Taylor, Pennsylvania
Relatives	Mother - ANNA DZIEDZIC, born Poland, address, 150 Ellery Avenue, Newark, New Jersey; Sister - JOSEPHINE DZIEDZIC, born Pennsylvania, address, 150 Ellery Avenue, Newark, New Jersey.

There is a notation in DZIEDZIC's personnel record reflecting he entered the United States on April 27, 1921 at New York City on the SS GOLANSK. Instant record indicates he speaks Polish, Ukrainian and Russian.

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DZIEDZIC listed as references the following individuals:

THOMAS L. BLACK
17 Oxford Street
Newark, N. J.;

A. CROWLEY
148 Ellery Avenue
Newark, N. J.;

JACOB FASS
NOPCO
Harrison, N. J.;

Wife - HELEN DZIEDZIC.

DZIEDZIC's personnel file contains letters of reference from J. I. FASS and THOMAS L. BLACK, NOPCO Chemical Company, Harrison, N. J., and A. CROWLEY.

DZIEDZIC requested that should he be contacted in the future by the FBI that the Agents first phone him at his home at Nutley 2-7556.

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DIRECTOR AND SACS.....U R G E N T

FERDINAND P. HELLER, WAS., ESPIONAGE R. HELLER APPEARED AT PHILA OFFICE AT NINE TWENTYFIVE PM TODAY AND WAS INTERVIEWED UNTIL FIVE THIRTY PM. HELLER REITERATED AND EXPANDED ON INFO PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED. DURING COURSE OF INTERVIEW, HELLER SAID HE HAD RECALLED THAT WHILE AWAITING FOR OVAKIMIAN, HE FILLED OUT A MIMEOGRAPHED SHEET OF PAPER, APPROXIMATELY EIGHT AND A HALF BY ELEVEN INCHES IN SIZE, ON WHICH APPEARED APPROXIMATELY FOUR OR FIVE LINES OF TYPE. HELLER RECALLED THAT THE SHEET CALLED FOR NAME, ADDRESS, DATE, AND TYPE OF WORK THE PERSON DID. HE SAID HE DID NOT USE HIS OWN NAME AT THIS TIME AND CANNOT RECALL ALIAS WHICH HE ASSUMED. HE SAID HIS REASON FOR USING AN ALIAS WAS BECAUSE HE DID NOT DESIRE TO HAVE HIS NAME APPEAR IN AMTORG RECORDS. HELLER SAID HE SAT IN A SMALL GLASS ENCLOSED ANTEROOM WHILE AWAITING OVAKIMIAN AND THINKS THAT PAPER WAS PICKED UP BEFORE OVAKIMIAN ARRIVED. HELLER WAS QUESTIONED AS TO USE OF ANOTHER NAME AND AT LENGTH ADMITTED THAT AT ONE TIME HE HAD USED NAME FRED BERGER WHILE ENROLLED IN THE COMMUNIST WORKERS SCHOOL, LOCATED AT UNION SQUARE AND THIRTEENTH ST. IN NYC. HE ATTENDED THIS SCHOOL PROBABLY IN JAN., THIRTYFOUR, AND TOOK A COURSE IN PRINCIPLES OF COMMUNISM. HELLER DECLARED THAT HE HAD ONLY ATTENDED A FEW SESSIONS OF THE SCHOOL AND DROPPED OUT BECAUSE OF LACK OF INTEREST AND BECAUSE OF OBTAINING A JOB AT REESE BROTHERS. HELLER SAID THAT HE COULD NOT RECALL NAME OF TEACHER BUT

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BELIEVES IT WAS A WHITE MAN WHO WAS A CP FUNCTIONARY AND THAT HE HAD AN ACCENT WHICH HE RECALLS WAS JEWISH. HELLER SAID HE ATTENDED THIS SCHOOL DURING TIME HE WAS RESIDING WITH VERA KANE BUT BELIEVES TOM BLACK WAS INDIVIDUAL WHO SUGGESTED IT. HE SAID THAT AT TIME, BLACK WAS A PARTY MEMBER, ALTHOUGH HE DENIED THAT HE PERSONALLY WAS A PARTY MEMBER OF THAT VERA KANE WAS A PARTY MEMBER. HELLER SAID THAT WHEN OVAKIMIAN APPEARED IN AMTORG OFFICE, HE WAS IN A GREAT HURRY AND DECLARED HE WAS QUITE BUSY AND IMMEDIATELY MADE ARRANGEMENTS TO MEET WITH HIM THAT NIGHT. HE SAID HE THINKS HE MET OVAKIMIAN ON STREET ABOVE THIRTYFOURTH STREET STATION OF THE BMT. HE SAID WHEN HE MET OVAKIMIAN AT THIRTYFOURTH ST., OVAKIMIAN IMMEDIATELY PUT HIS ARM AROUND HELLER-S WAIST AND THEY BEGAN WALKING, ABOUT A BLOCK OR A BLOCK AND HALF, UNTIL THEY REACHED THE RESTAURANT. HE RECALLED OVAKIMIAN KEPT HIS ARM IN THIS POSITION NEARLY ALL THE TIME AND COULD GIVE NO REASON FOR THIS ACT OF OVAKIMIAN EXCEPT THAT HE CONSIDERED IT AN OLD RUSSIAN CUSTOM. HELLER SAID DURING COURSE OF THEIR WALK TO RESTAURANT, WHICH HE BELIEVED WAS ON SIXTH AVE., HE TOLD OVAKIMIAN HIS TRUE NAME AND HIS REASON FOR NOT USING HIS TRUE NAME AT AMTORG. HELLER SAID THAT DURING THIS WALK AND THE DINNER WHICH FOLLOWED, HE AND OVAKIMIAN DISCUSSED HELLER-S QUALIFICATIONS AND BACKGROUND AS WELL AS THAT OF BLACK AS A POSSIBLE APPLICANT. HELLER SAID HE DID NOT MENTION BLACK-S COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBERSHIP BUT DID MENTION THAT BLACK AND HE WERE SYMPATHETIC TO THE CP. HELLER SAID THAT AT CONCLUSION OF THIS DINNER, WHICH TOOK ABOUT ONE HOUR-S TIME, HE AND OVAKIMIAN MADE A DEFINITE DATE FOR SEVEN THIRTY PM, EITHER FOLLOWING WEEK OR WEEK AFTER IN FRONT OF

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MAIN LIBRARY. HELLER SAID WHEN HE RETURNED HOME HE TOLD VERA KANE ABOUT HIS MEETING WITH OVAKIMIAN AND PROBABLY TELEPHONED BLACK. HELLER SAID THAT BOTH HE AND BLACK WERE ANXIOUS TO GO TO THE SOVIET UNION BECAUSE HE CONSIDERED IT AN ADVENTURE AND HE WAS UNEMPLOYED AT THE TIME AND BLACK WAS A CP MEMBER. HELLER SAID THAT HE TOLD BLACK THAT HE HAD USED A QUOTE PHONY UNQUOTE NAME AT AITORG. HE SAID THAT HE DID NOT MAKE A NOTE OF THE NAME HE USED AND WHEN PETERSEN CALLED HIM HE KNEW HIM BY THE NAME OF HELLER AND ALSO KNEW BLACK-S CORRECT NAME. HELLER SAID THAT THE SECOND MEETING HE BELIEVES WAS THE FINAL MEETING HE HAD WITH OVAKIMIAN AND THAT THE ONLY THING HE CAN REMEMBER IN REGARD TO THIS MEETING WAS THAT OVAKIMIAN WAS TO MEET HIM AT FORTYSECOND STREET AND FIFTH AVENUE AT SEVENTHIRTY PM AND WAS APPROXIMATELY ONE AND A HALF HOURS LATE. HELLER REMEMBERS THAT HE WAS VERY MUCH UPSET AT OVAKIMIAN-S TARDINESS AND RECALLS THAT HE AND BLACK DECIDED TO WAIT A LIMITED TIME LONGER AND THEN LEAVE. HE SAID THAT WHEN OVAKIMIAN ARRIVED, HIS EXCUSE WAS THAT BUSINESS HAD KEPT HIM. HELLER SAID THAT THE MEETING AT LEONE-S, WHICH OCCURRED AT THIS TIME, WAS A LONG MEETING OF ABOUT TWO OR THREE HOURS AND THAT MOST OF THE DISCUSSION CENTERED AROUND BLACK AND HIS QUALIFICATIONS. HE RECALLED THAT OVAKIMIAN SAID THAT HE HAD WRITTEN A DOCTOR AT THE ORGANIC INSTITUTE AT Leningrad ABOUT A PLACE FOR HELLER. IT WAS AT THIS MEETING THAT BLACK TOLD OVAKIMIAN THAT HE HAD FORMULATIONS ON SULPHONATING OILS. HELLER SAID THAT OVAKIMIAN TOLD HIM THAT THE PAPERS WOULD BE PICKED UP LATER. HE RECALLED THAT THE FORMULAS WERE TYPED UP AT VERA-S APARTMENT ON A SUNDAY AND THAT HE THINKS THAT

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THE INDIVIDUAL HE KNEW AS PETERSEN PICKED THEM UP ON MONDAY. HELLER SAID THAT OVAKIMIAN MADE THE STATEMENT THAT HIS COUNTRY WAS INTERESTED IN ANYTHING OF A TECHNICAL NATURE BUT HELLER BELIEVES AT THE PRESENT TIME THAT THESE WERE SIMPLE FORMULAS TO TEST THEIR CAPABILITIES. HELLER SAID THAT HE IS POSITIVE THAT VERA KANE TYPED THESE FORMULAS BECAUSE WHEN BLACK BROUGHT THEM OVER THEY WERE WRITTEN IN BLACK-S HANDWRITING AND THAT VERA KANE THEN TYPED FROM THIS. HE DENIED THAT HE HAD MADE ANY REPORTS OF BLACK-S FORMULATIONS BUT STATED THAT HE ADDED SOME THINGS OF HIS OWN IN REGARD TO LACQUERS. HELLER SAID THAT NEITHER HIS NAME NOR BLACK-S APPEARED ON THESE PAPERS BECAUSE THEY HAD BEEN OBTAINED SURREPTITIOUSLY FROM NOPCO AND HELLER-S PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT AT FRANCO-AMERICAN SUGAR. HELLER SAID THAT THROUGHOUT THIS, VERA APPEARED TO BE VERY DISINTERESTED AND ACTED AS THOUGH SHE WERE DOING THEM A FAVOR IN TYPING THEM UP. IN DISCUSSING THE MEETING WITH PETERSEN, HELLER SAID THAT HE BELIEVES THAT IT OCCURRED AROUND NOON, THAT AT THE TIME HE WAS UNEMPLOYED AND SLEPT LATE IN ORDER TO AVOID BUYING BREAKFAST AND THAT HE HAD ARISEN BUT HAD NOT LEFT THE APARTMENT WHEN PETERSEN CALLED. HE SAID THAT PETERSEN IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS PETERSEN, A FRIEND OF GEORGE OVAKIMIAN AND SAID THAT HE WAS AT THE CORNER OF FIFTH AVENUE AND ONE OF THE CROSS STREETS BETWEEN TWELVE AND SIXTEEN. HE ASKED HELLER TO MEET HIM THERE. HELLER SAID THAT PETERSON APPROACHED HIM AND SHOOK HANDS AND ALTHOUGH HELLER TRIED TO TALK TO HIM, PETERSEN BROKE IN AND ASKED FOR BLACK-S PHONE NUMBER AND IMMEDIATELY DEPARTED. HE SAID HE

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SPECIFICALLY RECALLED THAT PETERSEN HAD A DAY-S GROWTH OF BEARD, WAS WEARING KHAKI PANTS AND WAS SHORT AND SLENDER. HELLER SAID THAT HE PHONED BLACK THAT NIGHT TO TELL HIM THAT HE HAD GIVEN THE PACKAGE TO PETERSEN. HELLER SAID THAT THIS SAME WEEK HE GOT A JOB AT CELLULOID ON EITHER THURSDAY OR FRIDAY AND STARTED WORK THE FOLLOWING WEEK. HE SAID THAT SUBSEQUENT TO HIS EMPLOYMENT WITH CELLULOID, HE CONTINUED LIVING WITH VERA KANE FOR AN ADDITIONAL WEEK OR TWO. HELLER FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING DAYS ON WHICH THE ABOVE DESCRIBED EVENTS TOOK PLACE. ON THURSDAY, OVAKIMIAN MEETING NO. TWO - SATURDAY, BLACK BROUGHT THE MATERIAL TO KANE-S APARTMENT - SUNDAY, VERA KANE TYPED THE MATERIAL - MONDAY, PETERSEN CALLED FOR THE MATERIAL - THURSDAY OR FRIDAY, JOB APPLICATION AT CELLULOID CORP. - SUNDAY, A MEETING IN KANE-S APARTMENT AT WHICH BLACK, KANE, HELLER AND A FOURTH UNIDENTIFIED INDIVIDUAL WERE PRESENT. HELLER STATED DEFINITELY THAT THIS WAS NOT OVAKIMIAN AND BELIEVES THAT IT WAS A FRIEND OF BLACK WHO WAS TRYING TO GET HIM A JOB WITH THE CITY OF NEW YORK. HELLER WAS CERTAIN THIS INDIVIDUAL WAS IN NO WAY CONNECTED WITH AMTORG AND STATED THAT HE DOES NOT RECALL EVER MEETING AN INDIVIDUAL NAMED MARGOLIN. MONDAY, STARTED WORK WITH CELLULOID CORP. - WEDNESDAY OR THURSDAY, OBTAINED A ROOM IN NEWARK - FRIDAY, WITH BLACK-S ASSISTANCE MOVED HIS BELONGINGS TO NEWARK - SUNDAY, HAD ARGUMENT WITH BLACK AND VERA KANE AND QUOTE TOLD OFF UNQUOTE THESE INDIVIDUALS. HELLER SAID THAT HE ACCUSED BLACK AND VERA KANE OF HAVING

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CLOSE SOCIAL RELATIONS AND AT THAT TIME BLACK ADMITTED BEING IN LOVE WITH VERA KANE BUT ONLY ON A MENTAL LEVEL. HE SAID THAT AT THIS TIME VERA SLAPPED HIM AND HE LEFT THE APARTMENT SLAMMING THE DOOR. HELLER SAID THAT HE IS CERTAIN THAT HE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE THAT OVAKIMIAN EVER CAME TO VERA-S APARTMENT AND IS ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN THAT NEITHER OVAKIMIAN NOR PETERSEN OR ANY OTHER REPRESENTATIVE OF AMTORG OR ANY OTHER SOVIET AGENCY EVER CAME TO VERA-S APARTMENT WHILE HE WAS PRESENT OR THAT HE EVER HEARD ABOUT. HE SAID THAT HE NEVER RETURNED TO AMTORG AFTER THE FIRST VISIT. HELLER SAID THAT HARRY GOLD-S NAME FIRST CAME UP AT THE SECOND MEETING WITH OVAKIMIAN AS BEING AN INDIVIDUAL HAVING A KNOWLEDGE OF THE DISTILLATION OF ALCOHOL. HE THINKS THAT BLACK TOLD HIM THAT HE HAD GOTTEN IN TOUCH WITH GOLD ALTHOUGH HE DOES NOT RECALL WHETHER BLACK WROTE GOLD. HELLER DENIED THAT HE MADE A TRIP TO PHILA TO DISCUSS WITH GOLD THE POSSIBILITY OF EMPLOYMENT IN RUSSIA AND DOES NOT REMEMBER SEEING GOLD AT ANY TIME DURING THE PERIOD HE WAS LIVING WITH VERA KANE. HELLER SAID THAT FROM THE FALL NINETEEN THIRTYFOUR TO JANUARY NINETEEN THIRTYSEVEN, HE LIVED AT FIVE TEN HUDSON ST., AND NEVER SAW OR HEARD FROM AMTORG, OVAKIMIAN, VERA KANE, TOM BLACK OR HARRY GOLD DURING THAT TIME. HE SAID THAT WHILE LIVING AT FIVE TEN HUDSON ST., HE TOLD AGNES, LAST NAME UNKNOWN, AND THE OTHER PEOPLE AROUND THERE THAT HE WAS MORE VALUABLE OUTSIDE THE PARTY THAN IN AND THAT HE WANTED TO GIVE THEM THE IMPRESSION THAT HE WAS IN THE UNDERGROUND BUT THAT HE ONLY MADE THESE STATEMENTS TO KEEP THEM FROM TRYING TO ENROLL HIM IN THE CP. HELLER

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FURNISHED THE NAMES OF THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE ASSOCIATES OF HIS AND VERA KANE-S DURING THE YEAR NINETEEN THIRTYTHREE-THIRTYFOUR -- CHUCK NEHER, A GRADUATE CHEMIST FROM WHITHAM COLLEGE, WALLA WALLA, WASH., BUD COOK, WHO WAS A TRUCK DRIVER FRIEND OF VERA AND ALSO WAS FROM WALLA WALLA, WASH., STELLA SARIG, A LIBRARIAN IN THE ALLENTOWN HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY, DR. JOE SKILTON, A PHILA DENTIST, J. BYRON MC KINNEY, REUNIE GRAVS, FORMER SOCIETY EDITOR OF THE NEW YORK WORLD WHO IS PRESENTLY MARRIED AND RESIDING IN THE VICINITY OF NEWARK, NJ, BOBBY HENSEL, A BOHEMIAN TYPE GIRL WHO HAD ORIGINALLY COME FROM THE SOUTHERN UNITED STATES, AN INDIVIDUAL NAMED COPLEY, AN INDIVIDUAL NAMED LEOPOLD OR LOEV WHO WAS IN THE RESTAURANT SUPPLY BUSINESS IN PHILA. HE ALSO SAID THAT ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL WITH WHOM HE WAS FRIENDLY WAS HILTON LEHRMAN WHO WAS A DRUGGIST WHOM HE HAD MET WHILE MARCHING IN A PICKET LINE OF LONGSHOREMEN DURING THE SUMMER OF THIRTYFOUR. HE SAID THAT THE LAST ADDRESS HE HAD FOR LEHRMAN WAS ONE THREE FIVE HAUGHT SUTTER ST., SAN FRANCISCO. HE SAID THAT LEHRMAN WAS A CP SYMPATIZER. DURING THE INTERVIEW HELLER ALSO MENTIONED THAT IT WAS HIS BELIEF THAT DURING THE WAR VERA KANE WAS SECRETARY TO GENERAL HUGH DRUM AND THAT PRIOR TO AND SUBSEQUENT TO THE WAR SHE WAS LIVING WITH AN INDIVIDUAL NAMED JOHN WALDO AT THE SUPERMAN SQUARE HOTEL. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF A LEAD TO N.Y. NO OTHER LEADS ARE BEING SET OUT AT THIS TIME BECAUSE HELLER IS TO RETURN TO THE PHILA OFFICE FOR FURTHER INTERVIEW TOMORROW AND IT IS FELT THAT IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO SET OUT MORE INTELLIGENT LEADS AFTER THAT INTERVIEW. NY IS REQUESTED TO CHECK ITS INDICES FOR THE NAME FRED BERGER WHO ATTENDED THE CP WORKERS SCHOOL IN THE EARLY PART OF THIRTYFOUR.

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FERDINAND PHILLIP HELLER, WA., ESP - R. JOHN WALDO BELIEVED TO BE
PERSON WHO NOW RESIDES WITH VERA KANE AT MADISON SQUARE HOTEL, NYC.
DURING FIRST INTERVIEW WITH KANE, IN ANSWER TO QUESTION WHERE SHE LIVES
AT PRESENT, KANE TOLD LONG DRAWN OUT STORY THAT SHE WAS A FRIEND OF THE
MOTHER OF ONE JOHN WALDO BEFORE THE WAR. WALDO WAS DRAFTED INTO ARMY IN
FORTYTWO AND ON THE SAME DAY HIS MOTHER SUFFERED A STROKE AND DIED.
WALDO REMAINED IN ARMY FOR SIX YEARS DUE TO HIS PROFICIENCY IN GERMAN,
ITALIAN AND OTHER FOREIGN LANGUAGES. WHEN HE WAS LET OUT OF THE ARMY,
HE WAS MENTALLY ILL AND WAS SENT TO MENTAL HOSPITAL. KANE TOLD OF
BEATINGS WALDO RECEIVED AT FIRST HOSPITAL AND HOW SHE THROUGH COURT
ORDER GOT HIM TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER. AFTER HE WAS ELIGIBLE FOR RELEASE,
HE HAD NO PLACE TO GO SO SHE TOOK HIM TO LIVE IN HER APARTMENT AT
THE SHERMAN SQUARE HOTEL. SHE MOVED TO HER PRESENT ADDRESS BECAUSE
OF SOME DISTURBANCE CAUSED BY WALDO AT THE SHERMAN SQUARE HOTEL.
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KANE STEADFASTLY PROTESTED THAT HER RELATIONSHIP WITH WALDO IS PURELY
HUMANITARIAN, ALTHOUGH NO QUESTION WAS RAISED AS TO THIS RELATIONSHIP.
AT THE TIME OF THE ORIGINAL INTERVIEW WITH KANE, WALDO WAS WAITING IN

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THE OUTER ROOM OF KANE-S EMPLOYER-S LAW OFFICE. WALDO DESCRIBED AS ABOUT TWENTYNINE YEARS OF AGE, BLOND CURLY HAIR, HEAVY SET BUILD, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY LBS., HEIGHT UNKNOWN, EYES BLUE AND STARY. INTERVIEW OF WALDO WILL BE CONSIDERED AFTER KANE IS REINTERVIEWED.

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TO : S. K. MC KEE, SAC

FROM : ORA E. MULLENAX, SA

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: June 22, 1950

Re Philadelphia teletype dated 6/19/50.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents ORIAN R. KENNEDY and the writer at West Collingswood, New Jersey, on June 19, 1950:

Mr. EUGENE R. SMALLEY, 1204 Elm Avenue, West Collingswood, New Jersey, upon being interviewed advised that he first met THOMAS L. BLACK approximately a year ago. He advised that he, SMALLEY, was at that time employed in the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, area as a Technical Field Representative of the Newport Industries, 270 Park Avenue, New York City, and that BLACK had contacted him relative to an idea he had developed on the production of tall oil ester. SMALLEY stated that he examined the notes of the idea and directed BLACK to his superior Mr. EDWARD CALLETON of the Newport Industries who negotiated with BLACK relative to the purchase of this idea until about two months ago. He stated that SMALLEY and CALLETON were formerly employed together by the Oil Productions Company, Harrison, New Jersey.

SMALLEY stated that since he met BLACK he had been in contact with him on average of about two times per month and had frequently met Mr. JOSEPH MULLEN and Mr. JACK FASS, who are associated with BLACK in the operation of the Spruce Chemical Company which was formerly located in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and is presently located in Paterson, New Jersey. He advised that it was his understanding that FASS had assisted BLACK in the development of the idea on the production of tall oil ester.

SMALLEY stated that his last personal contact with BLACK had been on May 28, 1950 and that BLACK had telephonically contacted him during the past week and had told him that he had been questioned by the FBI. He advised SMALLEY at this time that the questioning had been a result of his being a friend of HARRY GOLD and had stated that GOLD had been instrumental in securing his present position as a Consulting Engineer with Charles W. Berg Company, North 5th Street, Philadelphia, Pa. He also advised that he had given GOLD's address as his address at his place of employment when he moved to his present living quarters. He stated that he had done this in order that BERG would not be able to contact him at night or on weekends. SMALLEY explained that BLACK spent his evenings and weekends working on projects being manufactured by the Spruce Manufacturing Company, but did not desire that his employer know that he was interested in this project.

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SMALLEY advised that his contact with BLACK had been principally on a business and professional basis, and that he could furnish no information relative to his background. He stated that he was of the opinion that all of BLACK's activities are motivated by his interest in chemistry, that he never heard him mention GOLD until he telephonically contacted him during the past week and that he had never had any reason to believe that BLACK was interested in any information that would be of value to any representative of a foreign power, and had never had any reason to doubt his loyalty to the United States.

SMALLEY stated that in December, 1949 BLACK had asked him to become a member of the Franklin Institute in Philadelphia, Pa., and had mentioned that this membership would entitle him to access to the technical laboratory of the institution. He stated that he knew BLACK spent considerable time in this library and knew that membership in the institute was composed principally of technical men. He stated that when BLACK mentioned this to him he had the idea that it was a membership drive being conducted by the institution at that time. He did not become a member.

SMALLEY was graduated from the Dunellen, New Jersey, High School in 1940 and from the University of New York in 1948. He served in the U. S. Army for a period of about three months in 1943 and was honorably discharged after suffering a nervous breakdown. He was employed as a Field Representative of the Newport Industries, 240 Park Avenue, New York City, from September, 1948 to June 1, 1950. He was employed as a chemist by the National Lead Company Research Laboratory, 105 York Street, Brooklyn, New York, from September, 1943 to September, 1948. He is presently unemployed, but is serving as a Consultant for the Field-White Manufacturing Company, 1405 Fox Building, Philadelphia, Pa. and can be contacted there between 9:00 and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

He advised that Newport Industries is engaged principally in the production of resin, pine oil, turpentine and tall oil, commonly known as naval stores.

Records of the Camden County Credit Association, 817 Cooper Street, Camden, New Jersey, contains no information relative to EUGENE R. SMALLEY other than that he has purchased his home located at 1204 Elm Avenue, West Collingswood, New Jersey.

A summary of the above information was furnished to Philadelphia by teletype dated June 19, 1950.

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TO : S. E. McKee, SAC

FROM : Philip J. Carroll

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK, wa
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DATE: 6/22/50

(Serial 69)

Re Philadelphia teletype of 6/17/50/, in which information is set forth to the effect that in 1945 BLACK had dealings with an individual from the Hercules Powder Co. in Wilmington, Del., whom he identified as WILLIAM STAPLER.

According to the teletype, in 1945, JACK, a Soviet contact, introduced BLACK to WILLIAM STAPLER in New York City. BLACK was instructed to meet STAPLER at the Pa. RR Station in Newark, NJ. The teletype indicated that BLACK was using the name of "Bob".

According to BLACK, STAPLER's wife knew her husband was involved in furnishing information to the Soviets and contact was had with STAPLER through his wife. The teletype reflects that it was customary for BLACK to call STAPLER's wife during the week and she would arrange a meeting with STAPLER and BLACK at the Pa. RR Station in Newark.

BLACK maintained that STAPLER never furnished information to him for transmission to the Soviets; however, he did furnish information to BLACK for his personal use, samples of pure rosin and literature put out by Hercules.

BLACK identified a photograph of WILLIAM STAPLER furnished by Baltimore which was obtained from the files of the Hercules Powder Co. as being the individual whom he met with in Pa. Station in Newark. Reference teletype reflects that BLACK met with STAPLER on 3 occasions.

This teletype requested that the Newark Office contact ETHEL MAY STAPLER for all information she may have regarding BLACK and her deceased husband's activities. The teletype also requested that an effort be made to conduct a voluntary search of her late husband's effects.

On 6/18/50, ETHEL MAY STAPLER was interviewed in Riverdale, NJ, (Passaic County), by the writer and SA ANDREW R. BABYAK.

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Mrs. STAPLER stated she did not know any of her husband's associates and denied ever hearing of "Bob", "Jack" or a THOMAS BLACK. She also denied ever receiving any telephone calls from these individuals and arranging meetings with them for her husband.

At the time of the interview Mrs. STAPLER appeared to be evasive and was emotionally upset.

She stated that her husband lived in Wilmington, Del., with a spinster sister EDITH and came home only about twice a month on weekends during the entire period of employment from 1933 to 1934 at the Hercules Powder Co. She continued that EDITH, who is suffering from a heart ailment, is now reported to be living at the Quaker Rest Home, Pittman Memorial, in Westchester, Pa.

It is noted that according to Mrs. STAPLER, her husband's brother RALPH also stayed at this memorial until his death several years ago.

Mrs. STAPLER advised that WILLIAM STAPLER had another sister, MAJORIES AYERS who resides on Woodlawn Ave, Wilmington, Del., with her husband STANLEY whom she claims is a prominent citizen in the community.

The interview with Mrs. STAPLER reflected that her husband WILLIAM was keeping company with other women.

During the interview Mrs. STAPLER frequently became excited and stated her objection to the "present wave of investigation of chemists and scientists since there have been no secrets since 1932 as the Government had made them available to everyone".

Mrs. STAPLER refused permission to the interviewing agents to search the personal effects of her deceased husband without first consulting her attorney.

Prior to the conclusion of the interview, Mrs. STAPLER consulted with a personal friend, FORDHAM JEWITT WALSH, who resides in a cabin owned by Mrs. STAPLER in Pequannock, N.J. Mr. WALSH was in agreement with Mrs. STAPLER and advised that he did not think she should make available the personal effects of her deceased husband without first having a consultation with her attorney.

The above information was relayed to the Philadelphia Office by teletype dated 6/18/50 (Serial 96),

On June 19, 1950, ERNEST F. KEER, Attorney, 71 Park St.,

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Montclair, NJ, telephonically contacted this office and requested agents contact him relative to viewing the personal effects of the deceased husband of Mrs. STAPLER.

On the same date, KEER was contacted by the writer and SA BABYAK and he advised that he would discuss the matter of reviewing the personal effects of WILLIAM STAPLER with his client, Mrs. ETHEL MAY STAPLER.

On 6/20/50, the personal effects belonging to WILLIAM STAPLER were made available by Mrs. STAPLER in the office of ERNEST F. KEER, her attorney in Montclair, NJ.

These personal effects consisted of one briefcase filled with material, most of which pertained to the late Mr. STAPLER's employments dating from 1919 to 1933. A review of these records was non productive.

Included in this material was an interoffice communication under date of 3/30/45, from R. W. IVETT, Naval Stores Group of the Hercules Powder Co. to WILLIAM STAPLER. This letter reads in part:

"In response to your request, the following samples have been prepared and submitted to you.

Stabelite, Nitrilo, Stabeliteamine and Dehydrogenated Rosin (731) Amine.

Samples were labeled as above for use at the Experimental Station Nitrile H.R. amine H.R. and amine D.R. respectively for distribution that might eventually involve use outside of the company.

For your convenience, a summary of the analysis of the various samples is given and the distribution of the samples is shown in Table 2."

This letter may be significant in connection with BLACK's statement to the effect that on one occasion he received certain rosin samples and information concerning rosin from WILLIAM STAPLER.

Also included among the effects is a letter dated 9/28/28, from ABBOTT K. S. SPENCER, 9 Hanover St, New York City, of the Design Laboratories, Inc. The letter discussed activities of the duPont Co. and of the use of the SanDor Co., Chicago, Ill., as a distributor.

Also included therein was an undated typewriter paper with the heading "Record of William W. Stapler at the duPont Co. during 5½ years as follows:

"1 Year at Cap Works, Pompton Lakes, NY, in analysis and control of manufacture of fulminate of mercury.

1 Year at Eastern Laboratory in research and semi-works development of dystuff intermediates.

3½ Years at Jackson Laboratory in all phases of intermediate manufacture."

Also included therein was a letter addressed to W. W. STAPLER, 89 Jewitt St, Newton, Mass, from E. R. WILSON of the Edwin Bird Wilson, Inc., 3 Hanover St, New York City.

Mrs. STAPLER clarified mail being sent to her husband at that address, advising that approximately fifteen years ago her husband had been employed for a short period of time by the International Equipment Co. in Cambridge, Mass.

Also contained therein was a notation on an envelope setting forth the name of M. B. COOK, 220 E. 42nd St, Alco Products Co.

Also contained therein was a letter to BILL STAPLER from JAMES D. REBSTOCK, Ramie Mills of Florida, Inc., PO Box 122, Zellwood, Fla. The letter was dated 8/5/47, and stated that REBSTOCK had ascertained that STAPLER had been sick from an individual by the name of MACK SCHANTZ.

REBSTOCK set forth information in the letter to the effect that during the two years since he had left Hercules employment he had been employed by the First Prentiss and Co. and then by the Sauffer Chemical Co. He stated in the letter that at Ramie Mills he was in charge of designing and taler spinning.

Also contained therein was a list of the University of Pennsylvania Class of 1914 Chemists and Chemical Engineers, dated 4/22/33. The following names, addresses and employment of individuals set forth in this list were checked off in pencil:

F. S. DYACON, 170 S. Clinton St, E. Orange, NJ. Research Chemist, Congoleum Nairn Co, Kearny, NJ

C. H. KRAFT, 4 Carroll Pl, Weehawken. Factory Mgr, Cellite Products Cor, 347 39th St, Union City, NJ

W. S. Landis, 122 Woodland Ave, E. Orange, NJ; Pres., Celluloid Corp, 290 Ferry St, Newark, NJ

W. L. Lehman, 5128 N. 15th St, Phila, Pa.; Plant Mgr, American Commercial Alcohol Co, Delaware Ave & Tasker, Phila, Pa.

J. C. McDONOUGH, 418 S. Wycombe Ave, Lansdowne, Pa; Barrett Corp, 40 Rector St, NYC

CALVIN MORRIS, 2725, N. 16th St, Phila, Pa; Merck & Co, Rahway, NJ

J. S. STEVENS, 103 W. Church St, Lock Haven, PA; Asst Plant Mgr, American Aniline Prod, Inc, Lock Haven, Pa.

E. W. SWAAB, 1106 Prospect Ave, Melrose Park, Pa; Proprietor, Products Co., 4912 N. 5th St, Phila, Pa.

Notation: Art H. Sanford
Box 205
Walpole, Mass.

Notation: Call 683 Mr. Neumann
Mrs. Mitchell

On 6/20/50, ^{1) Mrs.} MEAD STAPLER, son^a of Mrs. STAPLER, was interviewed by the writer and SA BABYAK in Riverside, NJ, in regard to FORDHAM WALSH's association with WILLIAM STAPLER.

He advised that WALSH is a longtime resident of Riverdale and may be related to the STAPLER family in a remote way. He indicated that he has little regard for WALSH's character and stability in the community, and that WALSH frequently indulges in the use of alcohol.

MEAD STAPLER stated further that on varying occasions in the past WALSH had been associated with his deceased father in small ventures relating to the distribution of chemical formulae. He added none of these ventures was successful.

Baltimore teletype of 6/21/50, set forth information to the effect that Mrs. A. STANLEY AYERS, sister of WILLIAM STAPLER, was interviewed on that date and Mrs. AYERS advised that she has none of STAPLER's effects. She believed all of them are in the possession of STAPLER's widow in New Jersey.

Mrs. AYERS advised the Baltimore Office she has no knowledge of any of STAPLER's contacts or associates.

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TO : S. K. MC KEE, SAC

FROM : THOMAS S. LOVERING, SA

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK
ESPIONAGE-R

DATE: June 23, 1950

The writer conducted the following inquiry concerning PAUL A.

DITTMAN:

Inspection of the records of the New Jersey State Department of Motor Vehicle, Trenton, New Jersey, revealed that PAUL A. DITTMAN, 63 Main Street, Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey, has driver's license on file from 1947 to date and all provide the above address. These driver's licenses describe him as white, male, age 62, 5'10", 200 pounds, gray hair, blue eyes. His current driver's license bears 970736.

A check of the applications for the above driver's licenses in the files of the same Bureau reflect that those for only the past two years are available. These give the additional information that DITTMAN works as a Chemical Engineer for himself, is a United States citizen, born in "Moscow". He claimed he had no physical disabilities and his driver's license had never been suspended. The last driver's license was obtained March 3, 1949 from JOSEPH L. MACIAG, Garfield, New Jersey.

A check of the violations on file with the same Bureau failed to reveal DITTMAN's name.

In an effort to determine if there was any information available concerning DITTMAN as a "Chemical Engineer, working for self" the writer telephoned N. J. MC GUINNESS of the State Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, 921 Bergen Avenue, Room 710, Jersey City, New Jersey. Mr. MC GUINNESS advised that everybody who professed to be an engineer and worked as such in the State of New Jersey, were required by law to take examinations and register with that state board. He searched his files and found no information concerning any PAUL A. DITTMAN.

Mr. MC GUINNESS added that if DITTMAN was practicing as a Chemical Engineer in the State of New Jersey this constitutes a misdemeanor and he can be prosecuted for such.

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TO SAC:

DATE: 6/24/50

FROM: Eugene F. Coyle, SA

SUBJECT: Thomas Black
Espionage - R.

SA HOWARD H. SEARLES called at 2 P.M. this date and advised that the Subject had advised the Phila. office that he would not go to Newark until Sunday morning. Searles thought he would advise arriving in Newark at 8 A.M. on Monday leaving Phila. at that time. Surveillance continuing in PHILA.

Sa Lou Turner advised along with Agents assigned to this surveillance.

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TO : S. K. MC KEE, SAC

FROM : LOUIS G. TURNER, SA

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK, was.
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: June 26, 1950

Re Philadelphia teletype 6/23/50.

GEORGE G. STIER, Division Sales Manager, NOPCO Chemical Company, Harrison, N. J., advised that he was directly in charge of the negotiation of Government contracts for NOPCO during World War II. By reference to his records, STIER stated that the development and production of Sorbitol was never at any time classified. He stated that this product had miscellaneous uses in industry and at no time was it ever sold under Government contract.

STIER provided a list of products manufactured by the company during war time which were prepared under restricted contracts with the Chemical Warfare Service.

Contract W-650-cws-140

W-650-cws-165

W-2218-cws-2

W-2218-cws-39

W-41-040-cws-518

W-30-070-cws-903

W-30-070-cws-1205

W-2218-cws-34

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W-30-070-cws-1508

Shoe Impregnite (protection against mustard gas)

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Triacetin (solvent to protect hands of persons working with mustard gas)

Crayon, Vesicant detector (to detect presence of mustard gas)

Napalm (used in protection of jellied gasoline for flame throwers)

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DATE: 6/25/50

TO : SAC

FROM : EUGENE F. COYLE SA

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK
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AL PIERCE SA Phila. office called at 8-50A.M. this date and advised the Subject was proceeding to Newark aboard Train # 260 Car 3228 leaving Phila. 8-30A. arriving Newark 9-30A. He furnished descriptions of the Agents on the surveillance and the Subject.

Agents scheduled for the surveillance and SA L. Turner advised.

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The following books were seized during a search at the VAN POZNAK STORAGE WAREHOUSE, 92 Howard Street, Newark, New Jersey, on June 21, 1950 by Special Agents PAUL E. KELLY, EUGENE C. JONES, TROY COLEMAN and JAMES H. HIGDON, Jr:

- A. Chemical Technology and Analysis of Oils, Fats and Waxes, by Dr. J. LEWKOWITSCH, M. A. F. I. C., Sixth Edition as Revised by GEORGE H. WARBURTON, and published by the MAC MILLAN AND CO., LTD., St. Martin's Street, London, 1923 Volumes 1, 2, 3.
- B. The Library Companion to Fats and Oils Industries by Dr. J. LEWKOWITSCH, and published by the MAC MILLAN AND CO., LTD., London, 1901.
- C. ELECTRO-ANALYSIS by EDGAR F. SMITH, Fifth Edition, published by the P. BLAKISTON'S SON AND COMPANY, Philadelphia, Pa. in 1911. On the title page of this book there is written what appears to be the handwritten signature of one EUGENE D. WILSON.
- D. A Textbook of Marxist Philosophy which was published by the Leningrad Institute of Philosophy under the direction of K. SHIROKOV and published by VICTOR GOLLANCZ, LTD., 14 Henrietta Street, Convent Garden, London, W. C. 2.

The above publications were seized from Lot #773, Box #35 of items in storage for THOMAS L. BLACK, subject of instant case.

Also seized in this same box was a miscellaneous piece of paper approximately 12 inches long, three inches wide, which appears to be the type of paper used in a memo pad. On this paper, which is written in red pencil, are various numbers and letters, the significance of which are not known at this time.

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On this paper there is written what appears to be two telephone numbers, one being AP 7-5396 and the other BU 2-6970, the latter which could possibly mean Rutherford 2-6970, a New Jersey exchange.

This piece of paper is also being enclosed in this package.

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TO : S. K. McKEE, SAC

FROM : SA THOMAS M. O'CONNOR

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: June 27, 1950

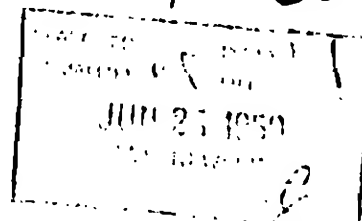
On June 17, 1950 Special Agents WILLIAM H. COWGER, STANLEY A. LEWCZYK, LOUIS E. PAGE, and the Writer took over the surveillance of the Subject at 6:30 p.m. in the vicinity of the Spruce Chemical Company, Paterson, New Jersey.

At about 7:20 p.m. the Subject, accompanied by two unknown individuals and JACK FASS who was identified by Special Agent PAGE, entered an automobile driven by one of the unknown individuals and they proceeded to the Hamilton Hotel on Beach Street, Paterson, arriving at about 7:40 p.m. They entered the hotel and registered. According to the hotel records checked by Special Agent LEWCZYK, BLACK and one of the unknown individuals named PERT HELIE registered together and were assigned to room 225. The second unknown individual EMORY RICHARDS from Glendale, Rhode Island, was assigned to room 232. After parking the car at approximately eight o'clock, BLACK and the individual who registered as HELIE entered the Hamilton Hotel dining room at approximately 8:10 p.m. and stayed there and at the hotel bar which adjoins the dining room until about 12:05 a.m. June 18, 1950 during which time they were observed to be in earnest conversation. At 12:05 a.m. they retired to their room and were not again observed during the period that these agents remained on duty.

These agents were relieved at approximately 6:30 a.m. on June 18, 1950 by Special Agents RICHARD E. BRITSON, CLARK D. TOMPKINS (A), G. RANDALL MCGOUGH, and THOMAS F. JONES.

A check at the hotel desk reflected that BLACK had left no calls during the period the agents were on duty.

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TO : SAC, S. K. MC KEE

FROM : SA, EUGENE C. JONES

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK, was.
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DATE: 6-28-50

The following is to report the activities of the Subject while under surveillance on June 11, 1950 by SA REGINAOLD C. VINCENT, H. N. JOHNSON, JOHN R. BRETT and the writer.

The above aforementioned agents were on surveillance at 4:10 pm. on 6-11-50 at 177 Kentucky St., Paterson, N.J. At 4:38 pm the Subject and JACOB FASS left 177 Kentucky St. and proceeded to Main St., Paterson, NJ where at 4:52 pm both entered bus no. 544 of the Inter-City line destined for N.Y.C. At 5:42 pm Subject and FASS got off this bus at 42nd St and 8th Ave, NYC and entered Child's Restaurant, 42nd St., east of 8th Avenue at 5:44 pm.

At 6:40, pm Subject and FASS left the above restaurant and proceeded to Times Square and from there proceeded to 46th St. where both entered the Victoria Theater at 6:45 pm. At 8:45 pm Subject and FASS left the Victoria building, 46th St., entrance then proceeded south on 7th Ave. to 34th St. where they turned west to 8th Ave and the Subject entered the New Yorker Hotel Drugstore at 9:10 pm. After making a purchase, Subject and FASS proceeded to the 8th Ave entrance to the Pennsylvania Railroad Station. The Subject and FASS shook hands at the top of the stairway and Subject proceeded to the train level where he got on the Pa. train for Philadelphia, Pa.

Subject walked through two cars of this train and got off and proceeded to the mezzanine floor where he entered the Savarin Restaurant at 9:25 pm.

At 9:35 pm the Subject left the restaurant and proceeded to the concourse of the Pa. railroad station. at 9:45 pm the Subject boarded the New York to Washington train, which train left the station at 10:00 pm. The Subject arrived in North Philadelphia Penn. Station at 11:45 pm where the surveillance was taken over by agents of the Philadelphia office.

A surveillance log and notes of the writer are being placed in the 1A serial of this file.

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TO : SAC S. R. MC KEE

FROM : SA THOMAS S. LOVERING

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK, was.
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DATE: 6/28/50

Inquiry on June 19, 1950, of Postmaster EDWIN CASE, Flemington, N.J., revealed that CHARLES E. BENDER formerly held Post Office Box 323, Flemington, N.J., and lived locally just outside of Flemington, N.J., near the Copper Hill Country Club. At that time he operated his own companies known as the Microbiological Associates and the Hypex Company. Postmaster CASE stated that BENDER moved away from Flemington, N.J., six months to a year ago and left the following forwarding address: Microbiological Associates, 108 Aragon Avenue, Coral Gables, Florida. BENDER's forwarding residence address was to 1819 Ferdinand Street, Coral Gables, Florida.

CASE stated that he had a limited contact with BENDER during BENDER's two or three years residence at Flemington, N.J., and that his wife knew BENDER's wife quite well. CASE stated that during this entire period nothing ever came up which indicated BENDER was not a hard working and loyal American.

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TO : SAC B. K. McKEE

FROM : SA JOHN R. LYONS

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK, was.
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DATE: June 29, 1950

On June 21, 1950 the writer and Special Agent PHILIP J. CARROLL proceeded to the Spruce Chemical Company, Paterson, New Jersey to examine the Contax camera that was noted there during the search conducted by the writer and Special Agent LOUIS G. TURNER.

It was ascertained that this Contax camera had an F-2 Summar lens number NR1862760, camera number F44047, and back case number F44047.

At that time JACK FASS was present and advised he had seen PERCY HELIE as well as BLACK over the weekend. He stated that HELIE was to set up a selling company for products of the Spruce Chemical Company, but that HELIE was "scared" due to the fact that BLACK and FASS had told him he might be questioned concerning his association with BLACK in the GOLD case. FASS advised that he and BLACK told HELIE "all about the case".

According to FASS, HELIE is still employed by BERG and desires to work for BERG while setting up a selling agency for Spruce Chemical Company. FASS stated that the deal with HELIE has not been consummated as yet because HELIE desires to have "both his cake and eat it at the same time".

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TO : SAC S. K. McKEE

FROM : SA JOHN R. LYONS

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK, was.
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DATE: June 29, 1950

Reference Philadelphia teletype dated 6/15/50

In connection with the above-captioned individual, a search was conducted on the premises of the Spruce Chemical Company, 177 East Railway Avenue, Paterson, New Jersey under authority of a waiver of search executed by JACOB I. FASS and THOMAS L. BLACK by Special Agents LOUIS G. TURNER and the writer between the hours of 9:15 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. on 6/16/50.

It should be noted that a great deal of the material on the premises was the property of PAUL A. DITTMAN, 63 Main Street, Garfield, New Jersey, which included personal correspondence and chemical formulae. The bulk of the records noted pertained to the normal business operations of the Spruce Chemical Company. There were also numerous magazines, books, and pamphlets pertaining to chemistry and other technical subjects which were encased in cardboard boxes.

Among the current papers of the Spruce Chemical Company was a letter to JACK FASS from J. SHAPIRO, Care of Arland, Rondpoint de Plainpalais, Geneve, Suisse. Another address also appeared on this letter, namely Jack Shapiro, Chez Boget 14, Boulers Moluettise, Geneve, Suisse. There was also in a desk a list of names or telephone numbers as follows:

IL 8-4010
ESTHER KAUFMAN
96-10 50th Avenue
Elmhurst, Long Island

WA 5-2464)
Ausubel)
DI 6-6825)
Home Phone)

Sarah
EV 5-8300

Riva
Plaza 7-3939

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Care of Robert Kohl
Chaim Scheierowicz
6235 Webster Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

There was also a card in the file which FASS stated was in BLACK'S handwriting and listed the following individuals:

John Axelrod
65 Ferncrest Avenue
Cranston 5, Rhode Island
Telephone Hopkins 7064

C. J. McCormack
P.O. Box 123
Anderson, S.C.
Telephone 634W

Percy H. Helie
53 Holden Street
Worcester 5, Massachusetts
P.O. Box 302
Worcester 6-3381

Harry Lodge
4 Prospect Street
Penacook, New Hampshire

Harry J. Gill
American and Foreign Industrial Enterprises
40 Exchange Place
New York 5, New York
Hanover 2-0460
Home Phone (Philadelphia) GE8-4754

FASS advised that all of the above individuals with the exception of GILL were salesmen for BERG. There were also in the desk a number of slips indicating the following requests for patents which according to FASS had been requested by he and BLACK:

Patent Number 1454604
1491076
1760535
1770414
1817425
1869092
1882808
1891202

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During an examination of the correspondence file of the Spruce Chemical Company, considerable correspondence between BLACK and one BERNIE PIDTO, 783 Troy Avenue, Brooklyn, New York concerning miscellaneous matters of no apparent significance was noted. FASS explained that PIDTO is a chemist friend of BLACK and HARRY GOLD.

Also noted was considerable correspondence between BLACK and PERCY H. HELIE, 53 Holden Street, Worcester 5, Massachusetts. This correspondence revealed discussions between BLACK and HELIE in connection with efforts to have HELIE join forces with BLACK and FASS in the Spruce Chemical Company. It was apparent from review of the correspondence that BLACK was making considerable effort to procure HELIE and his sales experience to be used by the Spruce Chemical Company. At the same time, HELIE expressed fear that his acceptance of the job while still employed by Berg Laboratories, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania might result in legal complications.

The above facts were pointed out by FASS who stated that it was necessary that CHARLES BERG not be aware of these pending business dealings involving HELIE and the Spruce Chemical Company.

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During the progress of the search JACOB FASS stated that he was aware of the fact that BLACK had been a member of the Communist Party in the 1930's subsequently breaking with them to become a Trotskyite. He stated that BLACK subsequently broke with this organization also but that all of this activity of BLACK occurred before he, FASS, met him. FASS added that BLACK had always displayed a keen interest in animals, having at one time run a zoo as a youth. *admin*

Also during the search it was ascertained through conversation with JACOB FASS that PAUL A. DITTMAN was not associated with the Spruce Company as a partner. FASS stated that DITTMAN has been engaged in the water-conditioning business for many years in northern New Jersey in which he analyzes the sediment or corrosive content of boiler water in various industrial plants, thereafter prescribing the proper chemical formula to be added as a preventive.

FASS stated that DITTMAN lined up with chemical companies to mix and deliver the prescribed chemicals but had become dissatisfied with his previous arrangement and through an old friend ERNEST SEGESSEMAN had been placed in touch with the Spruce Chemical Company then in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. According to FASS, the Spruce Chemical Company moved to Paterson in order to handle DITTMAN'S orders more expeditiously.

FASS informed that the premises of 177 East Railway Avenue were rented from GOTTFRIED ZIEGLER and that office space was provided for DITTMAN who heretofore had operated from his home. Aside from the fact that the Spruce Company is dependent on DITTMAN'S business for its activity and the fact that DITTMAN operates now from 177 East Railway Avenue, no part of the Spruce Chemical Company as such is owned by DITTMAN, it being a venture of BLACK and FASS with the latter claiming sole ownership of the business.

FASS also volunteered the following information:

He stated that one CHARLES FRIEFIELD lived with BLACK in the latter's apartment during World War II until FRIEFIELD left for service in the army. According to FASS, FRIEFIELD was probably a member of the SWP and on occasion had arguments with BLACK involving Stalin vs. Trotsky. He stated that the amicable relationship between BLACK and FRIEFIELD suffered as a result of their varied views and following army service FRIEFIELD never returned to see BLACK. FASS stated that to his knowledge FASS was later married and moved to Florida.

FASS advised that one SARA ANN (phonetic) last name unknown, who was a nurse for CHARLES BERG of Berg Laboratories in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania,

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often used BLACK'S apartment in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania when BLACK was absent on weekends. FASS was unable to provide further identifying data regarding the above individual or the extent of her relationship with BLACK.

FASS informed that BLACK'S apartment at 17 Oxford Street, Newark, New Jersey was occupied in approximately 1948 by relatives of WALTER ALKUS, a partner of Berg Laboratories. FASS said that he did not know the names of these individuals but that they sublet the apartment for about one year.

It is to be noted that the above individuals have been identified as Mr. and Mrs. MARVIN HENSCHEL.

Also during the search of the Spruce Chemical Company, FASS expressed amazement of how HARRY GOLD could keep his espionage activities from his friends for so long a time. FASS stated that he, himself, is not and never has been a Communist Party member or a Communist.

JOHN SCHMITZ, 54 Brookside Avenue, Pompton Plains, New Jersey arrived at the Spruce Chemical Company during the search. SCHMITZ stated that he has been employed for the past two years as an assistant to PAUL A. DITTMAN in the water-conditioning business. He explained that his duties involve traveling to various industrial plants taking samples of water from boilers and analyzing same for corrosive content. SCHMITZ pointed out that preventive compounds were then prescribed and handed over to JACOB FASS or THOMAS L. BLACK of the Spruce Chemical Company who in turn mixed up the compound and delivered same to the company involved.

SCHMITZ stated that he has no connection with Spruce Chemical Company, FASS, or BLACK other than seeing them frequently during the course of business. He stated that he knows nothing of their outside activities or background. SCHMITZ added that DITTMAN is presently on an extended vacation, care of HENRY H. SALLS, RFD 3, Porter's Point, Winooski, Vermont, which is near Burlington, Vermont. He stated that during DITTMAN'S absence he, SCHMITZ, is handling the business for DITTMAN during the slack summer season.

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Telephone Directory for Passaic and Bergen County lists P. A. DITTMAN, 141 Broadway, Passaic, New Jersey, Gregory 3-5263.

In 1948 Garfield City Directory listed PAUL A. DITTMAN, wife GERTRUDE, as a chemical engineer with residence at 63 Main Street, Garfield, New Jersey.

Dun and Bradstreet had no record of the Spruce Chemical Company.

Hoboken, New Jersey Police Department had no record of PAUL A. DITTMAN.

Garfield, New Jersey Police Department had no record of PAUL A. DITTMAN.

The Passaic and Bergen County Credit Bureau, Paterson, New Jersey and the Credit Bureau of North Jersey, Smith Avenue, Jersey City, New Jersey had no record of DITTMAN or the Sci-eff-ec Laboratories, Inc.

A mail cover was placed on all mail being received at 177 East Railway Avenue, Paterson, New Jersey at the Paterson Post Office through Assistant Postmaster DAVID MORGAN for 30 days beginning June 16, 1950.

Former Special Agent GEORGE F. DINNEEN, who is sales manager of the Time Sales Division, Fidelity Union Trust Company, advised that all time sales accounts are handled through the main office and records for 1942 have been destroyed. He stated that it would be impossible to check an account of BLACK'S and stated it would be futile to check the Branches for the \$17.32 monthly payment of BLACK to the Time Sales Division of Fidelity in 1942 to 1945.

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FROM : SA JOHN R. LYONS

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DATE: June 29, 1950

On June 19, 1950 the writer contacted Mr. LOUIS M. CARTER, employment manager at Nopco Chemical Company, Harrison, New Jersey. CARTER advised that ROLAND KAPP had been employed by them on February 15, 1933 and is presently manager of the Fine Chemical Division of Nopco. He stated that their records indicate that KAPP was born April 8, 1903 at Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania; is married; and is presently residing at 321 Mount Prospect Avenue, Newark, New Jersey, telephone HU 2-1349. His former address was 147 Chadwick Avenue, Newark, New Jersey.

According to their records, KAPP was educated at Columbia University from 1921 to 1925 and presently holds an MA and Ph.D from Columbia University. CARTER stated that KAPP is in charge of a building which contains the Fine Chemical Division and the last laboratory that THOMAS L. BLACK had was in KAPP'S building.

The following information was contained on ^{KAPP'S} BLACK'S personnel record:

Father:	ALEXANDER MAXIMILIAN KAPP, deceased born in Germany
Mother:	FLORENCE DELMORE KAPP born in United States, United States citizen
Wife:	MARY FANTL KAPP
Father-in-law:	SIEFRIED VICTOR FANTL born in Austria United States citizen resides 321 Mount Prospect Avenue, Newark, New Jersey
Mother-in-law:	Mrs. ANTOINETTE FANTL, deceased born United States, United States citizen
Brother:	ALEXANDER KAPP born United States United States citizen
Sisters:	Mrs. ALEXANDER KAPP GROFF Melbourne Place Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania born United States United States citizen ELSIE KAPP Melbourne Place Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania born United States United States citizen

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He listed himself as being a member of the following societies:

American Chemical Society
Washington, D.C.

Society of Sigma Xi
an honorary scientific society
care of Yale University
New Haven, Connecticut

Phi Lambda Upsilon
an honorary scientific society
care of University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

According to the record he visited Canada for six days in August 1939 on a cruise and took a trip to Haiti for two weeks in August 1941. He gave the following references when he was employed at Nopco:

Dr. C. O. BECKMAN
Professor of Chemistry
Havermeyer Hall
Columbia University
New York City

Dr. J. K. MARCUS
a chemist
27 West 96th Street
New York City

Dr. K. T. STEIK
a chemist
42 Aubrey Road
Upper Montclair, New Jersey

The records indicate his draft board was Number 26 of Essex County.

The following is a description of KAPP as appearing on Nopco records:

Born:	April 8, 1903 Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania
Height:	5'7"
Weight:	165 pounds
Eyes:	Brown

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Hair:	Brown
Marital Status:	Married
Social Security Number:	136-09-0989

Records at Nopco indicate that ANITA BARON was employed there on April 28, 1943 as a laboratory technician and was terminated on November 26, 1948 due to lack of work in the laboratory. Her last address while employed at Nopco was 358 West 29th Street, New York City and she previously lived at the following addresses:

354 West 29th Street
New York City

8688 Bay 16th Street
Brooklyn, New York

During the time she was employed at Nopco she married a WILLIAM IMMERMANN and notified the company to change her name to IMMERMANN in 1946. The records indicate her father was JACOB BARON, born in Russia; occupation butcher; mother BELLA BARON, nee Bella Deutsch; born in Russia; brother SAMUEL; sister SYDEL.

Mr. CARTER advised that ANITA BARON during her employment there was a source of trouble among the employees and that she constantly attempted to stir up the employees against the management of the company. He advised that she was friendly with a WILLIAM MISTRETTA while she was employed at Nopco and that they were apparently interested in forming a union at the company and affiliated with the UOPWA-CIO.

The following is a description of ANITA BARON IMMERMANN as taken from the files of Nopco:

Height:	5'2"
Weight:	125 pounds
Born:	April 21, 1921 New York City
Birth Registration #:	16237
Social Security #:	056-16-3714
Education:	New Utrecht High School Brooklyn, New York graduated 1936; Brooklyn College graduate June 1940 BA Degree
Former employment:	July 1940 to December 1941 Jewish Hospital of Brooklyn 555 Prospect Place

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Brooklyn, New York
as student laboratory technician;
left due to completion of course
January 16, 1942 to July 16, 1942
Cumberland Hospital
39 Auburn Place
Brooklyn, New York
laboratory assistant
\$80 per month
left to take better paying Civil Service job;
July 16, 1942 to February 1943
New York State Psychiatric Institute
722 West 168th Street
New York City
as junior laboratory assistant
\$96 per month

On her application for employment ANITA BARRON listed the following references:

Dr. NATHAN KANTROW
physician
8402 19th Avenue
Brooklyn, New York

JACK FOX
pharmacist
1291 Ocean Parkway
Brooklyn, New York

Dr. LOUIS S. POLSKIN
biochemist
555 Prospect Place
Brooklyn, New York

Dr. M. E. SOLOT
dentist
8223 Bay Parkway
Brooklyn, New York

CHARLES EDWARD BENDER, 2-43 Cooper Hill, Flemington, New Jersey was employed by Nopco on October 7, 1942 and resigned on October 31, 1944. According to Mr. CARTER, records indicate that BENDER formerly lived at 293 Chestnut Street, Nutley, New Jersey. CARTER stated that BENDER was employed in the Bacteriological Laboratory, Nopco Chemical Company and at the Rare Chemical Company in Flemington, New Jersey.

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The following is a description of BENDER as obtained from the Nopco file:

Born:	May 29, 1910
Height:	5'8"
Weight:	132 pounds
Citizenship:	United States
Social Security #:	135-09-3707

BERNARD EDELSTEIN, 227 East Blanche Street, Linden, New Jersey was employed on July 10, 1939 and terminated on December 5, 1941 to accept a better position. A previous address in the file was 1080 Elizabeth Avenue, Elizabeth, New Jersey.

The following is a description of EDELSTEIN as obtained from the files of Nopco:

Height:	5'11"
Weight:	175 pounds
Citizenship:	United States
Social Security #:	136-10-0914
Born:	7/7/16

RICHARD W. WILSON, 148 Stueben Street, East Orange, New Jersey employed November 10, 1936 at Nopco and terminated September 11, 1945 to enter school at the Lynchburg Theological Seminary, Lynchburg, Virginia. According to Mr. CARTER, WILSON worked at the Control Laboratory, Nopco Chemical Company.

The following is a description of WILSON:

Born:	11/21/15
Height:	5'10"
Weight:	179 pounds
Marital Status:	Married
Citizenship:	United States
Race:	Negro
Social Security #:	136-07-9491

Mr. CARTER advised that their files which are available to him at this time do not have any record on the following:

CLIFFORD HEVENOR or HAEVENOR
SEYMOUR SOROKA
FRANK DZIEDZIC
OTTO GREINER

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PAUL WILLIAMS
GENE SMALLEY or SWALLEY

Mr. CARTER made available pictures of ANITA BARON and RCLAND KAPP, copies of which are being placed in files 65-4074 and 65-4083, respectively.

Dr. E. A. ROBINSON, Vice President in Charge of Research, Nopco Chemical Company advised that THOMAS L. BLACK took a trip on April 30, 1940 for Nopco from Harrison, New Jersey to the Delaware Rayon Company at New Castle, Delaware and he interviewed one EDWARD S. BRUMBERGER, Technical Director of Delaware Rayon Company regarding a discoloration in their rayon yarn. As a result of this interview, BLACK recommended the use of mercurial preserver in their water to overcome slime.

Dr. ROBINSON stated this was the only trip, according to their records, which BLACK took to the Delaware Rayon Company, New Castle, Delaware in 1939 or 1940. ROBINSON stated that while BLACK was employed there the only person who worked with him in the laboratory was ANITA BARON who stated that these two worked together during the year 1943-1944.

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TO : SAC MC KEE

FROM : SA DILTON C. GOENKE

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK, was.
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DATE: June 29, 1950

Re Phila. tele. dated 6/27/50. Newark serial #159

Mr. DAVID J. THOMAS, Administrator, West Hudson Hospital, Hackensack, N.J., advised that they do not keep records of visitors and that he has no way of knowing who had visited BLACK while he, BLACK, was a patient at the hospital.

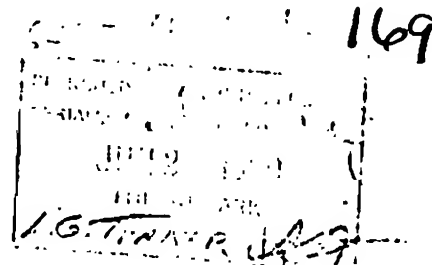
THOMAS furnished BLACK'S daily record, which record contains the names of any and all physicians who, in their professional capacity, had visited BLACK. This record did not mention either a Dr. ROBERT SOHNLE or Dr. EDELROVICH. Those physicians that had attended or visited BLACK are as follows:

Dr. BLAIRD J. O'CONNOR
Dr. NANGALI
Dr. JOHN R. O'SULLIVAN
Dr. FRANK J. COUGHLIN
Dr. JOHN J. KOBUS
Dr. KELLER
Dr. ROBERT K. HARVEY

THOMAS advised that all of the above individuals are presently on the hospital staff with the exception of Dr. NANGALI and Dr. KELLER. According to THOMAS, NANGALI was a former house physician at the hospital but did not know where he is presently located. THOMAS stated that he did not know Dr. KELLER and that he has no knowledge of a Dr. KELLER having been connected with the hospital.

Dr. KELLER visited BLACK on the following dates:

3/22/38
3/30/38
4/6/38
5/5/38
6/12/38
7/5/38
7/7/38



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TO : SAC, S. K. MC KEE

FROM : SA, JOHN R. LYONS

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK, was.
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DATE: 6-29-50

On June 25, 1950, the writer and SA JOHN F. DEVLIN left the Newark office and drove to 177 Railroad Ave., Paterson, NJ. At 4:25 p.m. they relieved the agents who had been previously assigned to this surveillance. At 4:55 pm on that date a 1947 or 1948 maroon Plymouth stopped outside 177 East Railroad Ave. One man was in the car. He did not get out and the car then proceeded north on Railroad Ave. At 5:00 pm the car returned and went slowly by Railroad Ave. The license no. was ascertained to be PC 56 T.

At 6:28 pm, FASS and BLACK left the premises at 177 E. Railroad Ave., Paterson and proceeded to Main Street where at 6:42 pm they boarded a bus, license no. OP 68 Y. This bus proceeded to New York where at 7:32 pm both FASS and BLACK got off the bus at 35th St. and 8th Avenue opposite the Hotel New Yorker. BLACK and FASS proceeded south on 8th Avenue of foot to 34th Street and went into Child's on the north side of 34th St. near 8th Ave.

They left Child's and proceeded to the Pa. station where BLACK took the 8:30 train from Pa. Station for Philadelphia. This train was delayed at Trenton for about 45 minutes due to a power failure. BLACK got out of the train at Trenton and walked along the platform during this delay. At 11:00 pm the train arrived at North Philadelphia, where agents LYONS and DEVLIN were relieved by SAs JOHN BLAZEK and JAMES E. HELMAR of the Philadelphia Office.

Also on the surveillance at Paterson and N.Y. were SAs PAUL F. DINGMORT and A. R. JONES.

Agents who were relieved by the writer and others were JAMES J. HICDON, PAUL KULLY, THOMAS S. LOVERING and WINFRED E. JESTER.

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TO : S. K. MC KEE, SAC

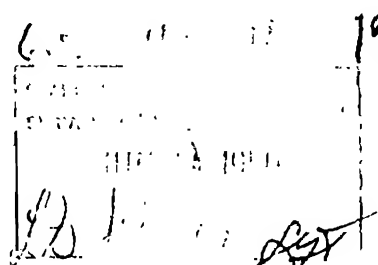
FROM : BERIYN H. CLOW, SA

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK
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DATE: June 30, 1950

G. SOROKA, 491 Clinton Avenue, Newark, New Jersey, advised that her son, SEYMOUR SOROKA is presently working out of Trenton, New Jersey in a traveling capacity. Mrs. SOROKA did not know by what company he was employed or whether or not he maintained a permanent address in Trenton.

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TO : SAC

DATE: 7/1/50

FROM : SA F. W. JAENIKE

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK, WAS.
ESP. R.

At 11:42A this date SA HOWARD A. SEARL of the Philadelphia Office telephoned. He said Philadelphia agents had just put BLACK on the train for Newark at 11:33A. The train, number 126, is due at Penn Station, Newark at 12:50P.

BLACK is in car #1666 which is just in front of the diner. He is wearing a gray suit, dark tie, white shirt and is carrying two black bags.

SA DAVID BRENN of the Philadelphia Office is also on the train. He is described as - Age 30, 5'8", 165#, black wavy hair, gray check suit, wearing pink sport shirt.

SA SEARL advised BLACK said he is going to clean up some affairs at SPRUCE CHEMICAL COMPANY and will return to Philadelphia on the evening of July 4th.

The agents handling the surveillance in Newark were notified by SA T. L. KELLY.

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TO : FIELD SUPERVISOR FRANK M. RAISBECK

DATE: July 3, 1950

FROM : SA PAUL R. ALKER

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK, was.
ESPIONAGE - R

The following is the result of surveillance conducted on July 2-3, 1950 by the writer and SA's G. RANDALL McGOUGH and DELTON R. GOERKE. A handwritten log is being prepared for the file:

3:20 PM. Surveillance taken over from SA's LENZ, CLOW and COLEMAN in Paterson, N. J. at which time Subject boarded #3 bus at corner of Market St. across from Court House.

4:10 PM Got off bus corner Paterson Ave. and Park Ave., E. Rutherford and walked down Park Ave. toward Railroad Ave.

4:15 PM Entered "Stio's Brand Ice Cream" store on Railroad Ave.

4:18 PM Came out of above store and sat on bench at bus stop corner Railroad Ave. and Park Ave.

4:25 PM Caught #2 bus and disembarked at North Ave. and 5th Street, Wood-Ridge, N. J. 4:40 PM. Then walked up North Ave. to 165 12th Street where he entered. This is the residence of ERNEST SEGESEMAN who is mentioned in 65-4074-49-17 and 65-4073-14-7 as a close friend of Subject at Spruce Chemical Company. Outside house was green 1941 Chevrolet 2-Dr. Sedan, N. J. license R/V 704.

6:00 PM Subject and ~~another man~~ ^{SECRET MAN} left above house and got in above Chevrolet driving to corner of Railroad Ave. and Park Ave. E. Rutherford.

6:07 PM Both men got out of Chevrolet and walked up Park Ave. in the direction of Paterson Ave. entering a building the exact address of which could not be determined but which is approximately 235 236 Park Ave.

7:10 PM Both men returned to Chevrolet and drove up to Park Ave. and Paterson Ave., E. Rutherford where they parked and stood on street corner for 15 minutes when Subject caught #3 bus back to Paterson at 7:25 PM.

7:35 PM Disembarked from bus on Market St., Paterson about 3 blocks east of Main St. and walked to Majestic Theatre, Main St., Paterson where he entered at 7:55 PM.

11:25 PM Left Majestic Theatre at end of last show accompanied by sur-

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11:35 PM Caught #74 bus at corner of Market and Main Sts., Paterson, and rode to the corner of Main and Madison Sts. where he disembarked, walking to the Madison Plaza Grill on Madison Street at the foot of the overpass.

12:00 AM Left Madison Plaza Grill and walked to his office on E. Railroad Ave., Paterson, arriving at 12:18 AM.

12:45 AM No activity, surveillance discontinued.

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TO : SAC, S. K. MC KEE

FROM : SA THOMAS S. LOVERING

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: July 3, 1950

On the surveillance of THOMAS L. BLACK conducted Saturday, June 17, 1950, by the writer and Special Agent GUS MCORE the following was observed:

- 8:20 a.m. - subject left Douglas Hotel (formerly known as Sheraton Hotel) and walked to Public Service building at Newark, New Jersey.
- 8:40 a.m. - subject boarded the Paterson bus.
- 9:20 a.m. - subject disembarked from the bus, walked to his office building at 177 East Railway Street, Paterson, New Jersey.
- 9:35 a.m. - subject arrived at office building and found individual later determined to be JACOB FASS.
- 9:40 a.m. - subject and FASS went to lunch at nearby Madison Plaza Diner. Both spent about 15 minutes there and walked back to 177 East Railway Avenue.
- 12:45 p.m. - A green 1949 Ford bearing current Massachusetts license K 9051 appeared at 177 East Railway Avenue and 2 unknown men entered the building. They remained inside about two hours.
- 2:20 p.m. - Subject, JACOB FASS, and the 2 unknown men who appeared in the green 1949 Ford from Massachusetts, drove down to the Madison Plaza Diner and remained there until they returned to 177 East Railway Avenue.
- 3:40 p.m. - All four men returned to the office building and remained there until 6:45 p.m. when the writer and Special Agent MCORE were relieved.

The following descriptions were obtained of the two men who appeared in the green 1949 Ford with Massachusetts license K 9051:

Name:	Number 1	Number 2
Sex:	Male	Male
Race:	White	White
Age:	50 years	50 years
Height:	5' 10"	5' 8"
Weight:	190 pounds	150 pounds
Complexion:	Medium	Dark
Eyes:	?	?
Hair:	Gray	Black with gray
Walk:		Decided limp

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TO : SAC, S. K. MC KEE

FROM : SA THOMAS S. LOVERING

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: July 3, 1950

On Sunday, June 25, 1950, the writer conducted the following surveillance on subject with Special Agent WINFRED E. JESTER:

- 9:50 a.m. - Subject arrived from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on Pennsylvania Railroad train 260 and subject was turned over at the Pennsylvania Railroad Station, Newark, New Jersey, by the Philadelphia Office agents.
- 9:55 a.m. - Subject took a light breakfast at the restaurant in the Pennsylvania Railroad Station, Newark, New Jersey, then slowly walked carrying two black bags to the Public Service in Newark, New Jersey.
- 10:50 a.m. - Subject boarded Paterson bus and rode to Paterson, New Jersey.
- 11:25 a.m. - Subject disembarked from bus and slowly walked to 177 East Railway Avenue.
- 11:40 a.m. - Subject arrived at office building and found JACOB FASS there working.
- 11:45 a.m. - Subject and JACOB FASS walked to the nearby Madison Plaza Diner.
- 12:50 p.m. - Subject and JACOB FASS arrived back at 177 East Railway Avenue after taking a circuitous walk of approximately 20 minutes back. This walk appeared to be for the purpose of talking over confidential matters in the open.
- 4:55 p.m. - Subject and JACOB FASS remained inside the building at 177 East Railway Avenue and the writer was relieved.

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TO : SAC B. F. MC FEE

FROM : SA R. V. CLARK, JR.

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: July 3, 1950

A surveillance was conducted on the subject on July 1, 1950, by Special Agents EDWARD L. BRITTON, STANLEY A. LENCZYK, and the writer.

The subject arrived at the Pennsylvania Station, Newark, New Jersey, from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania at 12:50 p.m. He proceeded to the Public Service Building, Newark, New Jersey, where he boarded Public Service Bus #128 for Paterson, New Jersey. The subject arrived in Paterson, New Jersey, at approximately 3:15 p.m., and then proceeded to 177 East Railway Avenue, Paterson, New Jersey, where he remained until about 5:15 p.m.

At about 5:15 p.m., the subject and JACOB I. FASS walked approximately one mile down East Railway Avenue and then took a zig-zag path to Main Street, Paterson, New Jersey, where the subject and FASS boarded a Public Service Bus to Clifton, New Jersey, arriving there at about 6:15 p.m. The subject and FASS got off the bus and walked to the Riviera Restaurant, Main Street, Clifton. The subject and FASS had something to eat at the Riviera Restaurant and then proceeded to walk to the Clifton Theater, Main Street, Clifton, where they arrived at about 7:00 p.m. The subject and FASS remained in the theater until about 10:00 p.m., seeing the double feature movies "The Conspirator" and "The Reformer and the Redhead."

At about 10:00 p.m. the subject and FASS boarded a Public Service Bus for Paterson, New Jersey. The subject got off the bus at the corner of Madison Avenue and Main Street, Paterson, New Jersey, but FASS remained on the bus. The subject then proceeded to the Madison Plaza Diner at the corner of Madison Avenue and Getty Avenue, Paterson, New Jersey, where he had a bite to eat. Then he proceeded from the Madison Plaza Diner to 177 East Railway Avenue, Paterson, New Jersey, arriving at about 10:30 p.m.

The subject turned off the lights at about 11:00 p.m. and retired for the night. The surveillance was discontinued at that time.

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TO : S. K. MC KEE, SAC

FROM : CARLTON C. LENZ, SA

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK, was.
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: July 3, 1950

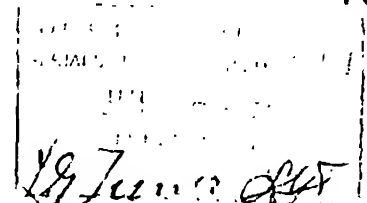
On 7/2/50 SAs BERLYN H. CLOW, TROY COLEMAN and the writer took up the surveillance of the subject at 177 East Railway Avenue, Paterson, New Jersey at 6:00 a.m.

The subject was observed coming out of 177 East Railway Avenue at 10:45 a.m. attired in light gray trousers and a white short-sleeved sport shirt. He walked to the Madison Plaza Grill located on the corner of Madison and Getty Avenues approximately 7 or 8 blocks from the East Railway Avenue address. After having breakfast, he walked up to Main Street a block away and bought some groceries. After that, he walked directly back to 177 East Railway Avenue and arrived there approximately 11:30 a.m.

He was next observed leaving the East Railway Avenue address at 2:20 p.m. At this time he was attired in light gray pants, coat, white shirt and tie. He was bareheaded. He again walked to the Madison Grill Plaza where he had lunch. At 3:00 p.m. he left the diner and walked to the corner of Main Street and Madison Avenue where he waited for a Public Service bus. He boarded the bus shortly after 3:00 p.m. and rode to the center of Paterson. After leaving the bus at Paterson, he proceeded to become evasive. He would walk up to one bus station, wait there for a short time and then proceed to another bus station. He would remain at this latter bus station for approximately ten minutes and then walk off aimlessly in the heart of Paterson. He finally returned to the bus station where he had remained for ten minutes and which was located on the south side of Market Street. He stayed there letting buses pull in and away. Finally just as one bus was about to pull away, he ran and jumped on it.

The relieving Agents consisting of SAs PAUL R. ALKER, RANDALL MC GOUGH and DELTON GOERKE then took up the surveillance. SA MC GOUGH was observed to board the bus on which the subject was riding at several blocks ahead of where the subject had boarded it. The relieving Agents took over at 4:00 p.m.

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TO : SAC S. K. ME KNE

FROM : SA Rufus T. Tyson

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK
ESPIONAGE - R.

DATE: July 3, 1950

Rebutel date June 29, and Boston tel date June 30 last, concerning a person by the name of NICHOLS named by the subject as being a top Soviet Contact.

Investigation at the Business mens Library, Newark, N. J. and the Free Public Library, Rutherford, N. J. revealed that there has not been a city directory published for the city of East Rutherford, N. J. for the years 1931 through 1945.

Lt. ARTHUR THONACK, East Rutherford, N. J. Police Department was contacted and he contacted several of the other old time officers of the East Rutherford, N. J. Police Department, and they furnished a list of people by the name of NICHOLS who they had remembered as having lived in East Rutherford, N. J. at one time. Lt. THONACK stated that most of the names on this list definitely did not go to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. The remaining names on the list were checked through the records of the East Rutherford High School and it was ascertained that none the remaining names on this list all attended this school. It was also ascertained that these people either had not made sufficiently high grades to be admitted to college, such as MIT, had not taken courses that were required for college admission, or had graduated from this school subsequent to the pertinent period.

Referenced Boston Tel set out the names of two graduates from MIT who had specialized in Metallurgy and were presently residing in New Jersey. One of these JOHN EIVERTH NICHOLS graduated in 1946 and was eliminated inasmuch as this was subsequent to the pertinent period. The other GEORGE HARRIS NICHOLS, 29 Hillcrest Road, Madison, N. J. graduated in 1923 and the following investigation was conducted concerning him:

Sgt. MARTIN J. THINGS, NA, of the Madison, N. J. Police Department advised that GEORGE HARRIS NICHOLS, was long time resident of Madison and that he thought that he had lived in Madison prior to 1935. Mr. NICHOLS was telephonically contacted and he advised that he had never lived in East Rutherford and further that he did not know of any other person by the name of NICHOLS who had graduated from MIT.

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TO : SAC, S. K. MC KEE
FROM : SA PHILLIP J. CARROLL
SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK, was.
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: July 5, 1950

Re our tel to the Bureau, New York, and Philadelphia dated June 30, 1950. (serial 176 of this file).

Mr. J. D. BORGES, Security Office, W. W. Kellogg Company, Jersey City, New Jersey, advised the writer on June 30, 1950, that WILLIAM MEAD STAPLER, son of WILLIAM STAPLER, has been employed by them as an Instrumentation Engineer since July 21, 1948. STAPLER, according to BORGES, has been cleared by the Army to work on top secret contracts. Although the work this individual is doing at the present time is not considered as top secret BORGES stated it is in a highly confidential classification.

STAPLER, he advised, operates instruments which record the effectiveness of guided missiles and from time to time he has been sent out on actual tests with the missiles to observe their operation. BORGES advised STAPLER has access to all confidential work on guided missiles as well as access to the Kellogg Company Research Library which contains considerable confidential information in this field.

STAPLER has always been considered by the company as being an excellent employee and they have had no reason to doubt his loyalty to the United States. According to BORGES, STAPLER gets along well with his fellow employees but is a very quiet individual who always eats his lunch alone and a person who has never become too friendly with the men in his department.

According to the company files STAPLER was born November 30, 1919, at Bloomington, Delaware; and has Social Security number 146-12-9696. The personnel files reflect that the school he last attended was Casey Jones School of Aeronautics, Newark, New Jersey, from March, 1940, to June, 1941. His present residence was listed as being Hamburg Turnpike, Riverdale, New Jersey; and his former address until July, 1947, as being 8 Laurel Road, Mountain Lakes, New Jersey.

The record reflected he has been out of the United States for a trip to Canada in July, 1947. His social activity includes membership in the Cosmopolitan Club of Montclair, New Jersey, a social group in which STAPLER has been active since 1938. He listed his father as WILLIAM W. STAPLER of Riverdale, New Jersey, now deceased, born in the United States; and his mother as ETHEL M. STAPLER of Riverdale, New Jersey, also born in the United States. He listed his wife as being Mrs. MARY R. STAPLER who formerly resided in Mountain Lakes, New Jersey.

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STAPLER's prior employment is set forth as follows:

Radio Assembler, employed by John Hogan, Mountain View, New Jersey, from 1937 to 1940.

Overhaul and Field Service, employed by Curtiss Propellor Division, Caldwell, New Jersey, from June, 1941, to December, 1942.

Instrumentation Technician, employed by the Reaction Motors Incorporated, Dover, New Jersey, from April, 1946, to July, 1948.

His references as contained in the files of the Kellogg Company are set forth as follows:

STANTON E. HAREY, Morris Avenue, Riverdale, New Jersey.

DOUGLAS VANDERPOOL, Butler, New Jersey.

JACK MC NAUGHTON, 21 Summit Avenue, Montclair, New Jersey.

The records reflected that STAPLER served in the United States Army Air Force from December, 1942, to March, 1946.

Mr. BORGES advised that one of STAPLER's references, DOUGLAS VANDERPOOL, worked with STAPLER in the Kellogg Company in his capacity as an Instrumentation Engineer. According to BORGES, STAPLER and VANDERPOOL had also been employed together at the Reaction Motors Incorporated of Dover, New Jersey. According to BORGES, VANDERPOOL was employed by them from July, 1947, to December, 1949, when he took a short leave of absence giving the reason it was necessary for him to take his wife to Florida because of ill health. BORGES advised VANDERPOOL never reported back to work and the company has never heard a word from him. The last address of VANDERPOOL on file with the company is Mariontown Road, RFD 1, Bloomingdale, New Jersey, where he was residing at the time he left the company's employ.

The following is a description of WILLIAM STAPLER as was contained in the files of the company:

Born:	November 30, 1919
Social Security:	Number 146-12-9696
Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Height:	6'
Weight:	180 pounds
Eyes:	Brown
Hair:	Brown
Wife:	MARY R. STAPLER
Address:	Hamburg Turnpike, Riverdale, New Jersey.

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TO : SAC McKee

FROM : SA William H. Cowger

SUBJECT: THOMAS I. BLACK, was.
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: July 5, 1950

The following is the result of a surveillance conducted by Agents ROBERT M. FRANKLIN, JAMES C. MOORE and the writer:

On July 3, 1950:

- 6:10 a.m. - Surveillance begun, vicinity Spruce Chemical Company, 177 East Railway Avenue, Paterson, New Jersey.
- 8:10 a.m. - Subject walked out of office and was met by an unidentified individual. Both men re-entered office.
- 8:51 a.m. - Late model Ford, Stake Body Truck, arrived at 177 East Railway Avenue; unloaded brown bag of material. Truck bore mark "Central Transfer Company, Inc."
- 9:04 a.m. - 1949 Chevrolet two door (dark colored) arrived at 177 East Railway Avenue. Unidentified individual left car and entered office.
- 9:13 a.m. - This unidentified individual left and drove South on East Railway Avenue. Unable to obtain license number.
- 9:38 a.m. - Subject left Spruce Chemical Company carrying dark colored bag. Walked North on East Railway Avenue in direction of Madison Diner.
- 9:50 a.m. - Arrived Madison Diner, Madison Avenue.
- 10:10 a.m. - Left Madison Diner. Walked in direction of Main Street.
- 10:22 a.m. - Arrived corner of Main and Court Streets, Paterson.
- 10:40 a.m. - Boarded bus at Main and Court Streets, Paterson.
- 11:25 a.m. - Arrived Public Service Building, Newark, New Jersey.
- 11:40 a.m. - Arrived Pennsylvania Station and checked bag in public locker.

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- 12:30 p.m. - Arrived 92 Howard Street, Newark, New Jersey. (VAN POZNICK'S STORAGE).
- 1:15 p.m. - Left 92 Howard Street.
- 1:30 p.m. - Arrived Broad and Market Streets, Newark. Remained in restaurant on east corner of Broad and Market Streets approximately 20 minutes.
- 1:50 p.m. - Left restaurant and walked in direction of Public Service Terminal.
- 2:12 p.m. - Subject boarded Paterson bus at Public Service Terminal, followed by Agent FRANKLIN. FRANKLIN accompanied subject on bus to Paterson, New Jersey.
- 3:00 p.m. - Subject and Agent FRANKLIN left bus at Main and Court Streets, Paterson, New Jersey.
- 3:00 p.m. - Surveillance taken over and continued by Agents ANDREW R. BABYAK, THOMAS C. KELTY and JOHN DEVLIN.

WHC:HMP

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC LC KEE

DATE: JULY 5, 1950

FROM : SA ANDREW R. BABYAK

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. SLICK was.
REF: SLICK - R

Reference is made to Philadelphia teletype to Newark dated June 21, 1950 which requested that a discreet investigation be undertaken to obtain complete background information and present whereabouts of Dr. Karl T. SLICK, former Director of Research at NOPCO Chemical Company, Harrison, New Jersey.

SLICK'S personnel file at the NOPCO Company, made available by LOUIS CARTER, Personnel Director, contained only one undated questionnaire. The following information concerning SLICK was gleaned from a review of this questionnaire:

NAME	Karl T. Steik
ADDRESS	10 Elston Road Upper Montclair, New Jersey (Owns home)
MARITAL STATUS	Married
DEPENDENTS	Four children and 1 dependent parent
EDUCATION	College graduate with B.A. and Ph. D. degrees.
HEALTH	Good, no physical defects
HEIGHT	5' 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
WEIGHT	165 pounds
OCCUPATION	Chemist
BORN	July 12, 1884, Iemsal, Latvia
YEARS IN STATES	12 years
YEARS IN COUNTY	4 years
UNION AFFILIATIONS	None
RELIGION	Lutheran
NATIONALITY	Letts
CITIZEN	Yes

A check of the pay-roll records reflected that SLICK was employed by the NOPCO Company on August 17, 1931 and that he resigned effective on September 30, 1937.

Subsequently CARTER located a 1932 Personnel Report which contained the following biographic sketch of Dr. SLICK:

NAME	Dr. Karl T. Steik
BORN	July 12, 1884 Iemsal, Latvia

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EDUCATION

University Dorpat, Esthonia, Chemistry

Special work in Bacteriological Chemistry
at the Carlsberg Laboratories in Copenhagen.

Physiological Chemistry at the University of
Koenigsberg, Germany.

Physical and Organic Chemistry at Harvard
University, A. M. - 1911

Organic Chemistry at the University of Chicago, Ill.
Ph. D. - 1919

Languages - Latin, German, Russian, French, and
reading knowledge of a few other languages.

BUSINESS
EXPERIENCE

Control Chemist, Tentelovsky Chemical Company,
St. Petersburg, Russia.

Construction of Contact Method
Sulphuric Acid Plant,
North Woburn, Massachusetts.

Engineering Chemist & Associate Professor
University of Wyoming.

Research Chemist and Research Librarian
Standard Oil Company of Indiana.

Associate Professor
University of Florida.

Research Chemist, Sun Oil Company
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Research Chemist, Standard Oil Development Company
Elizabeth, New Jersey

Research Director
National Oil Products Company,
Harrison, New Jersey - 1931

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American Chemical Society

Gamma Alpha, Sigma Xi.

RESIDENCE

200 East Sixth Street
Clifton, New Jersey

During the course of the writer's interview with CARTER, Dr. ROBERTSON, present Director of Research at NOPCO Company, entered the room and furnished the following information regarding STEIK, after it was ascertained that he was familiar with the Bureau's interest in PLACK and BLACK'S associates:

ROBERTSON advised that although the pay-roll records reflected that STEIK voluntarily resigned from his position as Director of Research at NOPCO, the truth of the matter was that the Board of Directors regarded his work as unsatisfactory and requested that he submit his resignation. According to ROBERTSON'S recollection STEIK was employed by the Brooklyn College in New York City as a teacher of Chemistry after leaving NOPCO.

ROBERTSON advised further that STEIK was generally regarded by technicians as an "idea man", a man who was constantly working on some new chemical process or novel experiment. He stated that STEIK'S ideas generally proved unsuccessful, but that he did meet with considerable success in developing a germicide which he placed in production subsequently under the trade name of Uforsan. ROBERTSON stated that Uforsan proved to be such a successful germicide that extensive use was made of it in the NOPCO dispensary. ROBERTSON stated that until about five years ago STEIK made personal delivery of Uforsan which was in the form of a salve but that since that time Uforsan has been obtained at NOPCO by mailing an order to STEIK'S home at 470 Grove Street, Upper Montclair where the salve is prepared.

ROBERTSON after being shown photographs of STEIK, taken in 1932, which were obtained from CARTER, stated that the photographs were a perfect likeness of STEIK as he appeared five years ago when last seen by ROBERTSON with the exception that STEIK is now completely gray. Both CARTER and ROBERTSON stated that additional background information regarding STEIK could be obtained from other records and from additional interviews with former co-workers, but they were requested to make no further inquiry at this time in view of the fact that according to referenced teletype, this investigation was to be conducted with extreme discretion.

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Records of the Credit Bureau of Greater Newark reflected that a credit report was submitted on Dr. STEIK under date of April 8, 1944. This report reflects that Mrs. STEIK'S name is BEATRICE and that she and her husband purchased their home at 470 Grove Street, Upper Montclair only two months previously through the Montclair Trust Company from Mabel P. Doody. According to this report, this property is assessed at \$12,400.

This report reflected that STEIK resided at 42 Aubrey Road, Upper Montclair for several years prior to purchasing the home at 470 Grove Street, Upper Montclair, and that an earlier address was 10 Elston Road, Upper Montclair. This report reflected that STEIK rented in these last two addresses and that he left these neighborhoods in good standing.

STEIK'S employment was reported as being employed.

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TO : S. R. MC KEE, SAC

DATE: July 6, 1950

FROM : LOUIS G. TURNER, SA

SUBJECT: ABRAHAM L. FRIEDMAN
SECURITY MATTER - SWP

By teletype dated 6/29/50 in the case entitled THOMAS L. BLACK, was. ESPIONAGE-R, the Philadelphia Office set forth certain information obtained during interview of BLACK.

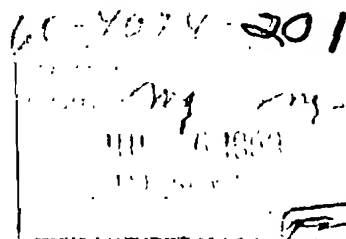
Among the personal belongings of BLACK, there appeared the name ABRAHAM L. FRIEDMAN, lawyer, telephone Essex 2-7435. The Philadelphia Office has indicated that BLACK stated during interview that this name was given him by PAUL PETERSEN, his Soviet contact to check out. BLACK further indicated that FRIEDMAN was another possible contributor to the SWP but not a member of that organization.

A check of the indices of the Newark Office reveals no information pertaining to FRIEDMAN.

Reference to Newark telephone directories reflects an AL FRIEDMAN, lawyer, 1060 Broad Street, Newark, New Jersey, phone MI 2-0161.

It is suggested that consideration be given to opening a case on the above captioned individual.

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TO : E. K. MC KEE, SAC
FROM : LOUIS O. TURNER, SA
SUBJECT: DORA GELFAND
SECURITY MATTER - SWP

DATE: July 6, 1950

By teletype dated 6/29/50 in the case entitled THOMAS L. BLACK, was. ESPIONAGE-R, the Philadelphia Office set forth certain information obtained during interview of BLACK.

Among the personal belongings of BLACK the name DORA GELFAND, 784 South 16 Street, appeared in a notebook retained by BLACK. The Philadelphia Office indicated that questioning of BLACK regarding this name resulted in his stating that DORA GELFAND was a woman who lived in Newark, New Jersey and had contributed a sizeable sum of money to the SWP. BLACK stated that this name was given him by his Soviet contact PAUL PETERSEN as a SWP member on whom BLACK would report. BLACK indicated he had discovered GELFAND was not a member of the SWP but was a sympathizer and financial contributor, which information BLACK reported to PETERSEN.

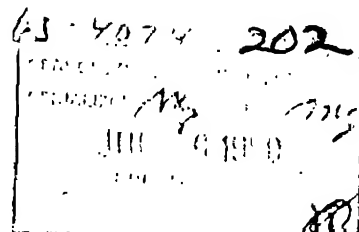
BLACK indicated that a HERMAN B. GELFAND, architect, was DORA's husband.

A check of the indices of the Newark Office reveals no information pertaining to HERMAN or DORA GELFAND.

Reference to Newark telephone directory reflects a HERMAN B. GELFAND, architect, 116 Market Street; with residence at 784 South 16 Street, both Newark, New Jersey.

It is suggested that a new case be opened on the above captioned individual.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC MC KEE

FROM : ROYAL A. MC GRAW

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK , WAS
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DATE: July 9, 1950

The writer telephonically advised SA R.D. CONGER , Philadelphia Office at 8:30PM, July 9, 1950 that Black departed Penn Station New York City at 8:30 PM, July 9, 1950 on train number 143 and that he was occupying one of first seven cars.

Then The writer advised that Black would be accompanied by Agents ~~James C.~~ Jones who was described as being 5'9", dark hair, freckled face, wearing brown suit, blue sports shirt with collar on outside of coat, and bareheaded, and JOHN R. LYONS, described as being 5'9", brown hair, tan suit, white shirt, light colored Panama hat with dark blue and red had band.

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TO : SAC, NEWARK

FROM : SA LOUIS G. TURNER

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK, WAS.,
• ESPIONAGE-R

DATE: July 11, 1950.

The following activities of the subject were noted during a surveillance conducted July 9, 1950 by SAs RUFUS T. TYSON, RICHARD E. BRITSON, and the writer.

7:50 AM Surveillance taken up at Douglas Hotel, 15 Hill St., Newark, N.J. where subject had registered for the night of July 8, 1950. (OBSERVED BY SA L.G. TURNER ONLY)

9:50 AM Subject entered lobby of Douglas Hotel from elevator, checked out from room at hotel desk, and entered Coffee Shop for breakfast.

10:15 AM Left Douglas Hotel on foot and proceeded via Broad and Market Streets to Pennsylvania Railroad Station, Newark, where he arrived at 10:30 AM

10:40 AM Subject met Jacob Fass at Penn RR Station and together they proceeded on foot to ~~Mitchell's Cafe~~ near Broad and Market Streets
MATTHEWS Food Shop

11:15 AM Left ~~Mitchell's~~ together and proceeded on foot to Penn RR Station.
MATTHEWS

11:40 AM Picked up two heavy metal chests from locker in station.

11:50 AM Subject and Fass boarded City Subway and rode one stop to Public Service Terminal at Broad and Raymond Blvd.

12:05 PM Subject and Fass boarded Bus #128 at Public Service Terminal.

12:55 PM Left bus at Main and Court Streets, Paterson, N.J.

1:25 PM Arrived at Spruce Chemical Co., 177 E. Railway ave., Paterson, having carried metal chests on foot from bus stop.

2:20 PM Subject and Fass left Spruce Chemical Co. on foot without metal chests and proceeded to bus stop on Main St.

2:35 PM Boarded Inter City Bus #30 destined for New York.

3:30 PM Left bus together at 42nd St. & 8th Ave., New York City, entering Child's Restaurant at that corner.

3:55 PM Left Child's Restaurant together.

4:00 PM Subject and Fass entered Apollo Theater on 42nd St. near 8th Ave.

4:10 PM Surveillance taken over by SAs JOHN R. LYONS, THOMAS F. JONES, and PAUL E. KELLY.

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TO : SAC S. K. MC KEE
FROM : SA THOMAS F. JONES
SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK
ESPIONAGE - R
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DATE: July 13, 1950

On July 9, 1950, the writer accompanied by Special Agents JOHN R. LYONS and PAUL E. KELLY relieved Special Agents LOUIS G. TURNER, RUFUS T. TYSON, and RICHARD E. BRITSON at 4:10 p.m. at the Apollo Theater between 8th and 7th Avenue at 42 Street, New York City, for the purpose of conducting a surveillance on the subject.

The subject remained in the theater until 7 p.m. at which time he left and proceeded to the Pennsylvania Railroad Station via foot down 7th Avenue. At 7:30 p.m. EDST, the subject was observed by SA JOHN R. LYONS starting down the East stairs of track 11 to board the 7:30 p.m. train for Philadelphia going south. He shook hands with JACOB FASS who had accompanied him from the theater to the railroad station and proceeded to the stairway and started down.

It was determined by SA LYONS that the subject did not board this train and at 8:05 p.m. the subject was observed by SA JONES walking through the Pennsylvania Railroad Station. The subject boarded the 8:30 p.m. EDST train enroute to Philadelphia.

The surveillance during the trip to Philadelphia was conducted by SA JONES and LYONS and the subject arrived at Philadelphia at 9:57 p.m. when he left the train and proceeded to the North Philadelphia Subway Station. He got on the subway train and rode two stations to Columbia Avenue in Philadelphia where he got off and walked around in a manner which suggested to the surveilling agents that he felt he was being followed.

At this point, at 10:15 p.m., the surveillance was taken up by SA AL OLIVER and SA EARL MITCHELL of the Philadelphia Office.

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TO : SAC

FROM : William H. Conger, SA

SUBJECT: Thomas L. Black, Was.
Espionage - R

DATE: 7/ 14/50

On July 5, 1950, Chief Clerk G. J. Mulroy, Essex County Vocational and Technical High School, 275 Sussex Ave, Newark, N. J. advised the writer the records of that school reflected that Thomas Black, 17 Oxford St., (Newark, N. J.) attended that school from October, 1939 to March, 1940, taking a course in Rudiments of Machine Operation. Black also attended that school from October, 1940 to March, 1941, taking a course in Elementary Lathe Work.

Mulroy advised Black's attendance was probably in the night school, and stated that no further or more detailed record is available.

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JOHN GELFAND

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WILLIAM B. E. GELFAND

ADDRESS

1107 E. 16th St, New York

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Alphonse O. Jaeger

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Charles E. Bender

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Richard Wilson

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148 Sturges St. East Orange

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MARVIN HENSCHKE

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC S. K. McKEE

FROM : FIELD SUPERVISOR FRANK M. RAISBECK

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: August 23, 1950

On July 18, 1950 the writer discussed the question of a review of the subject's bank account with Field Supervisor HARZENSTEIN of the Philadelphia office, at which time it was pointed out that considerable manpower and time were being utilized in reviewing the Recordax film at the West Hudson National Bank in Harrison, New Jersey.

Field Supervisor HARZENSTEIN advised that in view of the present status of this case he did not believe that any further review of the subject's bank account was necessary and that only that portion which has been reviewed thus far need be reported.

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